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FAO The Secretary of State for Transport
Re: Manston DCO

The Ove Arup report from October 2021 confirms the findings of the Examination Authority that there is no need for an airport at Manston.

In doing so, it reiterates previous findings from previous reports in that there is no need and most likely no viability for the airport. The list of reports is as follows:

2010 Bickerdike Allen Partners
2011 York aviation
2011 Bickerdike Allen Partners
2014 Falcon
2015 Kent County Council
2016 Thanet District Council (final report on Manston Airport viability)
2016 Avia Solutions (RiverOak response to TDC Manston Airport viability)
2017 Avia Solutions (local plan representation review)
2017 Avia Solutions (analysis of report by Azimuth/Northwood on Manston)
2017 York Aviation (SHP summary report)
2018 Altitude Aviation
2019 Altitude Aviation
2019 DCO EXA recommending refusal on the basis of no need)
2021 York Aviation (JR against DCO)
2021 Alan Stratford Ass. (Ramsgate Town Council report)
2021 Over Arup for Department of Transport and Secretary of State

The questions that begs to be answered is how many times does one need to prove NO NEED FOR THE REOPENING OF THE AIRPORT?

Are we flogging a dead horse here? If all these reports could find no need before Covid then surely there will be even less need now. Furthermore it is beyond belief that the DCO was initially granted in the face of overwhelming evidence.

One of the arguments in favour of the reopening of Manston as an airport is the question of employment. 30,000 jobs is the figure quoted by the applicant (RSP). Our local MP's declare that Thanet suffers chronic unemployment. However this belies the fact that in reality employment in Thanet has risen since the closure of the airport. The local tourism industry is booming especially since Covid with the number of staycations rising. Numbers of unemployment have indeed dropped so low that Sir Roger Gale (MP NorthThanet) was lamenting the lack of agricultural workers and drivers on September 15 2021 during a parliamentary debate.

As an aside may I state that Southend airport when it closed earlier this year only employed 480 people. That is a far, far cry from the figure of 30,000 bandied about.

At COP26 the UK government pledged to carbon emissions by 78% by 2035. Allowing further airport expansion cannot be helping towards this strategy. I hope that rather than empty rhetoric the Department of Transport and thereby the UK government will act and reject the proposal for the reopening of Manston

Yours sincerely
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