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Good Morning,

My name is Nicholas Cole and I am the former Vice-Chair of the Mansion Airport Consultative Committee.

In the past I have been a great supporter of the airport, as has my whole family. I live in a small village at the western end of the flight path and have had very few problems with aircraft, apart from when freight flights were operating from the facility.

Freight operators had no concern for the rules concerning times, departure routes and approach routes and were regularly fined as a result of these breaches. In fact when Wiggins ceased trading they left a debt of unpaid fines to the local community of £57,000.

Unfortunately since the airport closed, and even since the Planning Inspectors made their initial recommendations, times have dramatically changed.

Excess capacity at the existing major airports, all closely located to the major motorway networks is the largest it has been in at least the last 50 years. Using these existing hubs would significantly reduce the carbon footprint of all freight proposed to be sent via Manston.

Since the initial recommendations from the Planning Inspector the green agenda has been extended worldwide, with the UK Government playing a leading role. The recent Glasgow Forum, lead by the UK, made a commitment to reducing carbon gasses for the foreseeable future with the aim of reversing global warming. For this reason alone, any decision to reopen Manston would be quite wrong and send completely the wrong message to other nations.

This is now not a question of local issues but one of the future of the planet and the message we as a nation want to deliver for our children and their children.

I am now vehemently opposed to the reopening of Manston in any capacity as an airport and would prefer to see the land developed for jobs and housing.

Kind regards

Nicholas Cole