

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Applications by London Ashford Airport Ltd**

**APP/L2250/V/10/2131934 & APP/L2250/V/10/2131936**

**Site at London Ashford Airport Limited, Lydd, Romney Marsh, TN29 9QL**

CPRE/01/C – Planning Policy  
 Supplementary Evidence

1.1 Below Tables 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of Louise Congdon’s evidence (LAA/04/A) have been extended using the data available from Nomis, the National Labour Market Statistics, and we would like to make a number of observations:

- 1.1.1 Employment Growth, while below average of Kent, has been much higher than Dover, Medway and Gravesham.
- 1.1.2 Claimant counts in Shepway are consistently much lower, and median wages higher than Thanet, therefore it seems unclear how an argument can be made that Lydd Airport will improve the situation in Shepway, when Manston has clearly failed in Thanet.
- 1.1.3 Median earnings in Shepway actually went up between 2009 and 2010 whereas elsewhere in Kent similar earnings declined or stagnated.

Table 3.1 - Employment growth in Kent

	Shepway	Thanet	Dover	Medway	Gravesham	Kent	South East
1995	30,584	32,312	33,159	72,951	24,420	464,697	3,062,032
1996	32,132	32,474	34,411	69,428	25,660	473,805	3,213,283
1997	33,816	32,230	36,692	74,549	26,179	494,116	3,334,119
1998	32,700	34,200	35,500	83,700	26,500	484,300	3,425,100
1999	34,600	34,100	38,300	83,900	29,500	512,200	3,598,100
2000	32,300	32,600	35,700	81,100	27,600	487,000	3,663,500
2001	35,300	38,200	38,900	84,900	28,100	525,900	3,663,800
2002	34,100	37,200	40,100	90,500	28,200	535,900	3,677,200
2003	33,600	36,600	39,100	84,900	26,300	525,400	3,627,500
2004	33,400	38,300	38,900	85,400	26,800	533,600	3,657,400
2005	34,800	40,600	40,300	91,700	28,600	565,900	3,752,300
2006	34,200	38,900	36,900	86,300	27,000	537,200	3,673,100
2007	35,200	39,600	37,500	84,200	27,400	550,900	3,730,300
2008	35,900	40,200	36,700	84,600	27,500	556,200	3,757,700
98-2008	9.8%	17.5%	3.4%	1.1%	3.8%	14.8%	9.7%
95-2008	17.4%	24.4%	10.7%	16.0%	12.6%	19.7%	22.7%

Data source: NOMIS

Table 3.2 Claimant Count Unemployment rates 2000 to 2010

Date	Shepway	Thanet	Dover	Medway	Kent	South East	Great Britain
Oct-00	2.9	4.2	2.7	2.8	2.0	1.4	2.6
Oct-01	2.3	3.8	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.2	2.4
Oct-02	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	2.4
Oct-03	2.3	3.3	2.0	2.2	1.7	1.4	2.3
Oct-04	2.2	2.8	1.8	2.1	1.5	1.3	2.1
Oct-05	2.5	3.4	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.4	2.2
Oct-06	2.9	3.3	2.5	2.7	1.9	1.5	2.4
Oct-07	2.4	2.8	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.2	2.0
Oct-08	2.6	3.4	2.2	2.5	1.8	1.6	2.4
Oct-09	4.0	5.2	3.5	4.3	3.1	2.9	3.9
Oct-10	3.8	5.0	3.1	3.6	2.8	2.4	3.5

Data source: NOMIS

Table 3.3: Annual Average Earnings (Median, Full Time Workers)

Date	Shepway	Thanet	Dover	Medway	Kent	South East	Great Britain
2002	£17,570	£17,374	£20,772	£19,540	£21,309	£22,880	£20,435
2003	£17,720	£17,307	£20,770	£20,786	£22,562	£23,797	£21,200
2004	£18,454	£18,115	£20,470	£20,612	£23,785	£24,700	£22,103
2005	£20,353	£18,183	£25,848	£21,643	£24,497	£25,224	£22,970
2006	£18,887	£19,130	£24,602	£22,212	£25,000	£25,924	£23,444
2007	£19,246	£20,628	£22,220	£23,473	£25,601	£26,666	£24,147
2008	£23,303	£21,194	£24,430	£24,723	£27,198	£27,876	£25,277
2009	£22,456	£20,111	£26,964	£26,240	£28,120	£28,657	£25,905
2010	£23,695	£19,156	£26,108	£26,372	£27,899	£28,792	£25,993
<b>Growth (2002-2010)</b>	34.9%	10%	25.7%	35.0%	30.9%	25.8%	27.2%
<b>Growth (2004-2009)</b>	21.7%	11%	31.7%	27.3%	18.2%	16.0%	17.2%

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