

## **FOR EXPANSION OF LYDD AIRPORT COMPOSITE RESPONSE**

- **The ability to deliver immediate and induced economic growth to an area needing jobs and economic stimulation**
- **The ability to serve both Kent and East Sussex catchment areas, benefiting a wider area of South East England**
- **The close proximity of Ashford, this being one of the major growth towns in the Region**
- **Ability to potentially use in the future an existing rail-line as a means of diversifying access via use of integrated public transport**
- **Lydd was built as a commercial airfield**
- **Managed growth is envisaged at Lydd airport to allow it to develop as a regional gateway serving Kent and East Sussex with significant economic benefits for the sub-region. Environmental impacts will need be addressed including noise and air quality**
- **Investment in surface access will be required, including possible conversion of a rail link from freight to passenger services**