

Here you should summarise the aspects of the application you agree and/or disagree with and say why. Outline what information, local knowledge or evidence you have which supports this. Please aim to limit this section to no more than 500 words (please use extra paper if needed).

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I disagree with the application for an Order granting Development Consent for Manston Airport on the following grounds:-

① The adverse impact on the health and well being of local residents caused by the noise and air pollution of cargo aircraft. Flights come in over the town of Ramsgate. I was working in the town under the flight path during the last airport use. The noise of aircraft was deafening to the extent that using a telephone or speaking in the office was impossible when flights passed over. If this planning consent is given for cargo flights - many of which will be at night - the disruption to residents' sleep would be seriously damaging. Local teachers have expressed concern about the effect on children and their ability to learn.

② The airport site of over 600 acres is the only brownfield site in Thanet available for housing. If this site reverts to use as an airport the many thousands of new houses required in the Local Plan and required legally by the Government will be built on farmland around Birchington and Westgate. This will spoil the nature of these two villages and put a strain on their local resources of water, roads, G.P. surgeries and schools.

③ Ramsgate is a unique and historical town. Over the past 5 years there has been a large increase in tourism and in people moving from London to live here.

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These factors have increased local prosperity, improved local facilities and made for a better quality of life. Many new businesses have opened including numerous harbour side shops and restaurants and a flagship seafront branch of Wetherspoons. All this could be lost with the imposition of a cargo airport as the town would no longer be a pleasant place to visit or live in.

④ Aircraft noise will adversely affect the many rare birds who live at the Pegwell Bay bird sanctuary. Research has shown that noise disturbance directly impacts on the breeding and overwintering success of wading birds and other species.

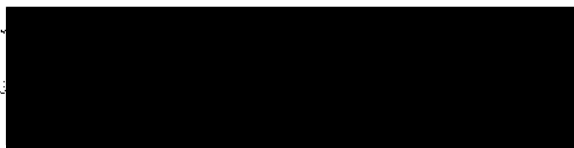
⑤ The numerous container lorries and fuel tankers that would be needed to service a freight airport would cause traffic congestion on Thanets' already busy roads.

⑥ There is no clear economic national case for the need of a freight airport as there already exists extra capacity at other airports (Stansted and East Midlands) nearer to London.

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⑦ R.S.P. the company applying for the Development Consent Order has no track record of running an airport, It does not own the site and has not been able to raise capital up front for the project. The company is a secretive off shore entity and there is no information available in the public domain about its' owners and investors.

In conclusion my belief is that planning consent for an air cargo operation at Manston would be against the best interests of the residents of Thanet and ~~the~~<sup>its</sup> surrounding villages. It would also be detrimental to important coastal bird life.



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