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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Preliminary Meeting/Open Hearings - Manston Airport - Complaint/Request for Support
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Attachments: [Ramsgate Community Groups and Residents Associations \(Manston\).docx](#)

Ref: TR020002

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have noted the contents of your letter of 11 December 2018, informing all interested parties of the dates and arrangements for the Preliminary Meeting/Open Hearings and an invitation to attend.

We note that the venue has been set for the hearings as Margate Winter Gardens. We wish to register a complaint that this venue has been confirmed as it presents a barrier to attend for the significant number of interested parties located in Ramsgate. We would therefore like to request **either** a change of venue **or** that a shuttle bus be provided at no cost for the people of Ramsgate who may wish to attend these meetings.

This is particularly significant given the following:

1) Ramsgate and surrounding areas has been rightly identified by the applicant as being the largest town where the most significant detrimental impact of the proposed development will be felt. The applicant states in its proposal that:

*"significant adverse effects have been identified as being likely as a result of an increase in noise" in **Ramsgate, Manston, Wade, West Stourmouth and Pegwell Bay**. The applicant's proposal goes on to say "aircraft noise would increase to a point where there would be a perceived change in the quality of life for occupants of buildings in these communities".*

2) As you are aware, this development proposal has attracted an uncommonly large number of public representations - approximately 10 times the national average number of submissions. Although we do not have access to any postcode data from those submissions, we are confident that your records will show that a significant proportion of those engaging with the consultation and objecting to the proposed development are Ramsgate residents - certainly a higher number than in Margate. Indeed, this raises the question of whether the Margate venue has been chosen by the applicant in a deliberate effort to avoid holding the meetings in the town most impacted where there is significant local opposition.

3) Our own analysis of the representations shows that of approximately 47 community groups, residents associations and organisations who had submitted relevant representations to the Planning Inspectorate, 37 are located in Ramsgate. (Please see attached document or link below):

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These include residents and groups in wards such as Eastcliff and Newington - both directly under the proposed flight path - that are amongst the most deprived wards in Kent. As such, we do not feel that any interested parties - particularly those who will be most impacted by the proposed development - should have to bear the financial cost of doing attending the hearings.

4) As you will see from this list, there are also a significant number of community groups - in addition to the significant number of individual representations - from vulnerable members of the Ramsgate community who are elderly and/or represent those with special educational needs and/or are parents to small children, (e.g. OAPs against a 24/7 freight hub, Mums Against Manston, Special Education Needs Parents and Carers Against Manston etc.). Free transport to and from Margate for these vulnerable groups should be provided.

We look forward to your response at the earliest opportunity.

Kind Regards
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On behalf of Impact Thanet

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Manston Airport DCO : Relevant Representations Ramsgate-Based Community Groups and Residents Associations

Ramsgate Community Groups

[Ramsgate Town Team Executive Committee](#)

[Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan Group](#)

[Ramsgate Coastal Community Team](#)

[The Ramsgate Society](#)

Residents Associations

[Harbour Towers Residents Association](#)

[Bowen Court Residents](#)

[Wellington Crescent Association \(100 dwellings\)](#)

[Plains of Waterloo Community Group](#)

[Friends of Albion Place Garden](#)

[Anthony Shephard \(retirement home, 110 other residents, East Cliff\)](#)

[Nelson Crescent Residents Association](#)

[Nethercourt Ward Action Group](#)

[Unrepresented Thanet residents against a cargo hub](#)

[Pegwell and District Association](#)

[Residents Against Night Flights](#)

[Residents of Ellington Road](#)

[Brockenhurst Road Residents](#)

[Grange Road Residents Association](#)

[Guildford Lawn Residents Against DCO Group](#)

[Homeowners Against Manston Cargo Hub](#)

[Newington Community Association](#)

Other Groups

[Sion House Management Company](#)

[Holiday Homes Against Manston](#)

[OAPs against a 24/7 freight hub](#)

[Mums Against Manston Airport](#)

[PATCH - Plottolders Against the Cargo Hub](#)

[Self-Employed Against Manston Cargo Hub](#)

[No Night Flights](#)

[Teachers Against Manston Cargo Hub](#)

[Way Forward](#)

[Commuters Against the Cargo Hub](#)

[CPRE Kent](#)

[Ramsgate Airport Sceptics](#)

[Ramsgate Heritage and Design Forum](#)

[Special Education Needs Parents and Carers Against Manston](#)

[Writers Against Manston Cargo Hub](#)

[Supporters of Manston Airport](#)