

Residents Against Night Flights

We've lived in Ramsgate for over 20 years and have experienced the noise of flights when the RAF base became a commercial airport.

The noise was such that you could not carry out a face to face or over the telephone conversation and had to wait for the flight to move away before continuing. This was when there was 3 - 4 flights per week during the day and the very occasional emergency or relief flight at night to keep us awake.

Given this level of noise and that RSP stated at the consultation in Ramsgate and since in the media that they do not need or want night flights (and our local MPs and SMAa have all stated that they would not support an application which included night flights) why have RSP applied for night flights – a great many flights – which would not be required for the occasional relief or emergency flight and was not required by the Planning Inspectorate, if the applicant did not need night flights.

I would like to ask the ExA

- 1) To ask RSP if they do not need or want night flights why they have applied for them and to publicly state their true intentions with regards to night flights.
- 2) To restrict the application to emergency and relief night flights only and to commit RSP to having a detailed S106 agreement which sets out night flight restrictions (restricting night flights to only emergency and relief flights, noise level restrictions and high penalties for any flights that breach this).
- 3) To carry out an evaluation of RSPs approach to Noise Mitigation and the compensation that RSP have put forward for those who would be affected. If the development went ahead, we feel the proposals for mitigating noise are unrealistic and inadequate and they do not cover the many thousands of people who are likely to be affected, especially given RSP have suggested Manston is capable of handling 83,000 ATMs annually, yet they are basing their “worst case” noise assessment on a figure of 17,000 ATMs.
- 4) We would also ask for a full review of the impact the proposal will have on the health and well-being of the residents of Ramsgate and surrounding areas.