

My address to PINS. OAPs against a 24/7 freight hub

I am here today as I represent many pensioners from our lovely town of Ramsgate which has the misfortune to be placed directly under the proposed Manston freight terminal flight path; many already suffer breathing problems and are annoyed by unusual loud noise from aircraft. Many moved here to enjoy the autumn of their lives and others have lived here since childhood, among these OAPs are veterans of the last war hoping to live out their twilight years in peaceful surroundings and breathe the fresh air that they deserve. Ramsgate is a beautiful town enjoyed by locals and visitors alike with a fine harbour well used by visiting yachtsmen from many countries and all walks of life.

Sadly many of my old friends have been put in fear of their lives being disrupted by proposals to forcefully take the three times failed Manston from the legal owners to turn it into a 24/7 freight terminal this means aircraft mainly old passenger planes converted for freight, skimming over our rooftops filling the air with particulates, noise ,and vibration , day and night. The airport has now been closed for four years and it has never been missed, our town is a far better place without it.

I will say this, NO COUNCILOR. MP GOVERNMENT OFICIAL OR AIRPORT OPERATOR, HAS THE RIGHT TO DEPRIVE US OF THE RIGHT TO SLEEP {HRA} RUIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, DEVALUE OUR HOMES , POISON THE AIR WE BREATH, INTERUPT SCHOOL LESSONS , AND CHOKE OUR ROADS WITH LORRIES. The present owners have very fine plans for the site that will do the town a great deal of good with jobs and leisure facilities, without harming the residents. Anyone with any compassion can see this is the far better option that will not harm our health.

We have two MPs elected by the people for the people, but our two have completely disregarded the 40to 50 thousand residents whose quality of life will be badly affected by noise and pollution they should be ashamed of their actions in openly supporting RSP and these horrendous plans, as that is a complete dereliction of their duties to the people.

I sincerely hope my words do not fall on deaf ears, and you officers in PINS take in what I and many others have said, as taking the airport from the rightful owners to hand to an overseas tax haven will ruin our town and bring ill health to its residents, I ask you to search your consciences and save our town and it's residents from this blight on our quality of life and our health for the future.

There is irrefutable evidence from a new study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, it has estimated that long term exposure to aviation related ozone and fine particulates (specifically PM2.5, the smallest particles) contributes to 16,000 premature deaths a year worldwide, costing an estimated \$21 billion a year

a. Aircraft Noise, Sleep Disturbance and Health Effects: the main findings in environmental noise and health research, includes the effects of sleep disturbance due to aircraft noise. It finds that above 50 dB night, noise is a significant concern to public health; levels above 55 dB night result in increased risk of heart attacks; and levels above 45 dB night result in increased risk of hypertension, and this can lead to hyper-tension strokes and dementia. Each year, around 29,000 deaths in the UK are attributable to pollution from particulate matter. NO2 meanwhile has an effect on mortality equivalent to 23,500 deaths annually in the UK. There is some overlap between the impact of these two pollutants, but it has been estimated that their combined effect could be responsible for 40,000 deaths per year in the UK.

Research by academics at King's College London has found that living in a polluted area can increase the risk of dementia by up to 40%. Scientists looked at data on 131,000 Londoners aged above 50, of whom 2,200 developed dementia. RSP submission For Year 2, in their own words, 4,852 dwellings are forecast to be exposed to aircraft noise levels above the daytime Level of 50 dB, while in Year 2020 13,046 dwellings are forecast to be exposed to noise levels in excess of the daytime LOAEL. In Year 2, 10,512 dwellings are forecast to be exposed to aircraft noise levels above the night-time LOAEL of 40 dB

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