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Dear Sirs

Thank for letting me put my case forward in writing, rather than taking part in the Open floor discussions last week.

I spent most of my formative years in Ramsgate, and returned to the town just over 20 years ago. At no point during that time, have I been asked to take part in any surveys regarding Manston Airport.

And when voting in local elections, most candidates seemed to be pro Manston.

Therefore it was 'Hobson's choice' - I always marked my cross against the lesser of the evils!

So I am now using this opportunity to state that I whole heartedly object to the RSP proposals to reopen Manston Airport.

Ramsgate is a unique historical town, with a spectacular harbour.

The residents of this town, have invested their time and money In the town, restoring the architecture, starting new businesses, improving the local economy, and making the town their home.

Ramsgate is now enjoying a renaissance.

But all of this could change if RSP reopen Manston Airport.

During my teenage years, I can remember when the RAF were based at Manston, and how exciting it was to see the Red Arrows fly over the town. However after having moved back into the town, and with Manston reopening, my experience was something quite different.

When the airport reopened, the aircraft flew extremely low over my home.

My home was in Addington street, that sits directly below the flight path.

The sound was deafening.

During the day, when they came over, if in the garden, any conversations had to stop.

At night, it was worse, being woken in the early hours by the noise.

This was when the airport was running at a far lesser capacity than is being requested now.

And I must point out that what is being requested, is very different

to what was presented at the public consultations.

I was told by the RSP presenters, that there would be no night flights!

If the RSP plan is accepted, and Manston Airport reopens, the volume of noise that would then entail would be insufferable. My health would decline significantly.

The noise would also effect my income.

I now have a rental property in Addington Street.

I doubt my tenants would be able to cope with the volume of noise either,

and would simply choose to move out, to a far quieter area. Re renting the property would be increasingly difficult.

If the RSP plan goes through, and Manston Airport reopens, the health, the quality of life, the livelihood and the value of property of thousands of residents in this town will be effected.

I therefore strongly object to the RSP plans to reopen Manston as an airport.

Kind regards

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