Dear Sirs:

I was present at the above meeting and wish to make comments on some of the speakers who oppose re-opening of Manston Airport.

1. Several speakers stated how long they had lived in Ramsgate - one over 20 years.

My question to them would be : there was a thriving airport at that time; if you are so against the airport re-opening why did you move to an area where there was an active airport?

2. One speaker spoke of the detriment to children's health of particulates from planes etc and produced a recent article in a local paper about 'failing schools etc'

My question to them would be - the airport has been closed for nearly five years so how can the failure of the pupils to do well be blamed on this aspect, surely the children should be doing better.

How about considering the fact that London Councils have been sending all their failed children to live in Kent (away from their families) as accommodation is cheaper here than in London.

3. The media against the opening of the airport never quote the questionnaire sent out in the beginning by RiverOak to all residents of the Estate closest to the airport which would suffer on its re-opening -

over 85% of these households supported the opening of Manston Airport.

It is the 'silent majority' who are in support of the DCO and the re-opening of Manston Airport. KLM who were running a passenger service at the time of the closure were extremely upset as their planes were running at over 75% capacity and they were making a profit.

I hope the Planning Inspectorate Team will take these comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully, Sheila M Hayes (Mrs)

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