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Firstly, I would like to express my disappointment at the difficulty of responding to PINS regarding RSP's DCO, I am not hugely computer literate and without help from others, who are unfortunately unable to do this for me at this time, I am unable to attach PDF files supporting sources of information. I know of others who have felt unable to respond due to this. Instead I will simply try to explain what effect a 24 hour operational Cargo hub will have on my family and those living with me as part of the Shared Lives scheme .

Taken from Kent county council website, to help explain what Shared lives is/does.

Shared Lives hosts open their homes to support [REDACTED] with learning and physical disabilities, mental health, autism or Asperger's, sensory impairment, older people or those living with dementia.

Shared Lives is a Country wide scheme, sometimes also referred to as Adult Placement in some parts of the country. It is regulated by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). I am registered with Kent county council's scheme. Hosts are required to have a check with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS check) to ensure they are suitable to be a 'surrogate family' They also undergo substantial training and vetting and are referred to a 'Panel' to be approved, before they can start working, (in the same way as Foster carers). Once a placement is underway, regular checks, including health and safety and financial are made by the scheme to ensure everything is working well within placements. A referral from a care/case manager or social worker is required to be considered for the scheme. There are many, many Shared lives carers living and working in Thanet, they are, between them, saving the Government/Local authority (LA) Tens of thousands of pounds, for EVERY person placed, EVERY year. On top of this, the outcomes and quality of life for those people placed is far better than those of people living in a Care home. As an example, I previously had a placement for a year, that had been living in a care home, whose diabetes was so seriously out of control they were awaiting an operation as they were in imminent danger of losing their sight. When I accompanied that person to their Pre operation assessment, around four months into their placement, the parameters for requiring that surgery had changed, their eyesight had improved and thus they no longer needed surgery. A fabulous outcome for that person and at the same time saving the NHS money, as well as the LA. Improved care and results such as this are occurring all over the country.

Imagine for a moment, if all of the people living in placements in Thanet were to

choose to no longer continue to stay with their current Host families, or, those placements were deemed by the LA to no longer be suitable, because of the possible traumatic experiences of living with the noise and pollution from a freight hub. What a disastrous outcome for all, not just personally, but for LA budgets, the NHS and resulting in reduced employment in an already deprived area.

For confidentiality reasons I am unable to be specific regarding details of my current placements, However, I currently have two long term placements and offer respite, (short breaks) for one other. At the moment our house and garden are a tranquil space where they feel comfortable and safe. Neither of my long term placements were with me when the airport was open, so have no idea what an awful, heart pounding experience a plane going overhead at 3am in the morning would be like. I, however, remember it vividly.

I remember the times when a plane would go over and shake the house, with conversation, listening to the radio or TV and sleep being impossible. On one such occasion, I was on the 'phone to a call centre when a plane flew over, the person on the other end of the line exclaimed 'oh my god, what is that? are you ok?' I had to explain it was one of the then infrequent planes that went over our house. She thought there had been an explosion. I cannot begin to imagine what it would be like to endure that every ten minutes, day and night.

One of the people I care for, long term, is very sensitive to noise, Just a door slamming is an upsetting episode for them.

Planes going over the top of our house, day and night, every ten minutes, circa 90db plus, shaking the building would be absolutely terrifying for them.

I feel sure the distress this person would experience, continually, day and night, would make it impossible for them to remain living with us, let alone relax or sleep. This would mean effectively leaving their 'family', heartbreaking. Obviously this would result in loss of income for me. I seriously doubt if anyone would choose to live with us in the future as we were/would be directly under the flight path of a busy cargo hub, so this may well mean I will continue to be out of work. Putting my family home at risk.

I dread what is being proposed for Ramsgate and indeed myself, my children, grandchildren and the people I support.

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