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**To:** [Manston Airport](#)  
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Good morning,

I would like to register my strong opposition to the plans to reopen Manston Airport by RSP.

I don't believe that a freight airport situated on the Thanet peninsular is a viable proposition, for many reasons. I believe it would only harm this area. Many have tried to make a success of the airport since the RAF left and all have failed. I believe one reason for this is because it is in completely the wrong location.

Assuming that their projected volumes were realised, goods would exit Thanet for the M2 or M20, primarily onto the M25. The roads in this corner of the country are already congested without funnelling freight lorries from Thanet to the rest of the country. I don't understand why other airfields / sites situated more centrally in the country wouldn't be a better option, if planning on running an airport for the long term.

I am close to, and can see the runway from my property. Previous owners had fairly frequent night flights (more than I believe should have been the case) which always woke me, both from plane noise and from our bungalow shaking and vibrating. Not to mention the awful, intolerable smell of fumes that would fill my bedroom. Residents of Ramsgate & Herne Bay should not be subjected to the environmental impact of these plans going ahead.

Often in the past (and inevitably in the future if these plans were to go ahead) many aircraft spend quite some time on the runway, with noisy engines revving before finally taking off, day and night. Take it from me, you cannot get used to this noise and disruption at night. It is certainly not like living next to a railway track, the argument I have heard many a time. I suspect anyone that says this has not experienced what it is like to live so close to this airport, which I have now lived close to for many years. I certainly do not ever want to experience it again in the future, certainly not in the volumes projected, especially not with the high volume of projected activity at night. It was the steady increase in night flight frequency, and consequent loss of sleep that I struggled with (and that was on a far smaller scale than we are now talking).

Disruption on this scale during the day would be bad enough but night flights on any scale would make life intolerable. Residents of Cliffsend and the surrounding impacted areas would experience an unacceptable level of night time disruption. How are we supposed to function at work/school etc when sleep deprived? With the plan to build so many houses at both ends of the runaway (outside of the airports land), a huge volume of people from the local area would have their health and quality of life adversely affected, in order to benefit this private company.

The airport previously only employed a small number of people (mostly part time I believe) and I don't believe that the direct and indirect job creation would be anywhere near RSP's projected numbers. Irrespective, the adverse impact on the area would be too great. This must not happen! Not to mention how many jobs would be lost in the area as a result of this disruptive freight airport e.g. in the tourism industry. Ramsgate is finally on the up after many years of decline, and this airport would ruin this.

I often work from home which avoids travelling to my workplace outside Thanet, therefore taking my car off the road (many colleagues and locals do the same). This would become a thing of the past as living next to a freight airport I would not be able to conduct meetings, let alone hear myself think when trying to work from home.

I am hoping to build an extension to my bungalow, but cannot justify further investment in my property whilst the spectre of this freight airport hangs over us. Our lives would be ruined, and we would likely struggle to sell our property at anything other than a bargain basement price in order to escape from the airport.

This ridiculous, detrimental application for an airport would have catastrophic effects on the whole of this beautiful area and all inhabitants. The adverse effects to health caused by pollution, noise, lack of sleep etc and the environmental impact needs to be seriously taken into account. All downsides with no benefits to locals that I can see. Not to mention the disruption and uncertainty that this endless cycle of non-viable airport opening, closing, and land grabbing causes to the local area.

I struggle to believe that this is still going on after all this time. This application has interfered with development plans for the area, and we will likely now have even more houses built than had been originally planned due to the issues in agreeing the local plan, due to the ongoing uncertainty related to the former airport site. It is not right that our whole area has been effectively compromised by RSP's non-sensical plans.

Please put a stop to this nonsense now!

Kind regards,

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