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Here is my PINS submission:

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I am totally against the application to build a freight hub at Manston.  
I live on the Nethercourt Estate in Ramsgate. I moved here when it was an RAF base.

The plans, if implemented, would be an environmental disaster for me and thousands of other people.

I cannot believe that we are again faced with the possibility of dirty, noisy, smelly old aeroplanes flying just over our rooftops and therefore ruining the lives of thousands of people.

Looking back at some of my newspaper clippings, I found there were some interesting comments. On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1999 in the KM Extra, Lord Northbourne raised the subject of Manston airport development in the House of Lords. He said that the council issued an "existing use" certificate for the operation of Manston as a civil airport without attaching any conditions and that there was an established usage of 55,000 movements in and out each year.

He said that historically the type of aircraft used were Tiger Moths or today's single engine training aircraft and gliders. Lord Northbourne was concerned that developers might interpret this as allowing 55,000 jumbo jets into the airport each year. In a letter he says that it appears that the council's enthusiasm to create employment has led them to take a cavalier attitude to the control of noise and pollution

In March 1999 Tony Freudmann helped to re-name Manston to London Manston, because in his words "If you're trying to sell the route to a continental operator, the name London means everything and the name Manston means nothing!"

Claims that an operation of this type located in the far south east of the country would be of national importance are unrealistic. Manston has never been anything other than a minor regional airport. It has been closed for nearly 5 years with no appreciable loss, nationally, regionally or locally.

It now seems that they are applying for a quota count system which could mean unlimited night flights. I managed to attend a meeting held at the Comfort Inn Ramsgate in spite of RSP not advising anyone on Nethercourt estate of their only consultation event in Ramsgate. I was lucky I heard through other means but so many people who it will badly affect were unable to attend as they just did not know it was taking place. I was told that there would be no night flights. They said they neither want nor need night flights as they would be "too expensive to operate". Yet they are applying for a big night time quota in their DCO application. This is in spite of being told 8 night time ATMs was a "worse case scenario" They have now stated they do not want any limits or caps on ATMs at all.

Many people have relocated to this area over the last few years who have no experience of the noise generated by the airport or the effects on their health. Many of these people have

been kept in the dark about RSP's intentions, by deliberately not leafletting the area about consultations that were to take place. Nobody that I have spoken to on this estate has ever had any leaflet or notification about the consultations. Most are totally unaware of the scale of RSPs proposals & that they want unlimited flights with a big night time quota.

A few years ago we suffered with old freight planes going over our houses at about 450ft day and night, with decibel readings of 90db+. It will be the same again but all night long, so all residents will suffer with a lack of sleep, resulting in many health problems and thus putting a further strain on the Health Service. We had many nights where we were woken up by extremely noisy planes thundering over our rooftops. Once woken it was almost impossible to return to sleep. This affected me at work.

When the airport was operational I was diagnosed with [REDACTED], which I never had before. I was prescribed [REDACTED]. Since the airport closed I have not needed any [REDACTED] and my [REDACTED] has gone. The only conclusion is that it was caused by the pollution from the planes, as this is the only thing that has changed. No planes, no pollution, [REDACTED]!

Many children live on this estate, and the whole area, their learning ability will be affected due to being constantly awoken during the night. They will be unable to concentrate at school, let alone hear what is being taught, this will affect their future prospects in life.

In RSP's documentation even they admit that it will have a "permanent adverse effect on the area & a perceived change in people's lives"

Ramsgate has just begun to thrive as a tourist destination and the area has improved for the better. A cargo hub would stop people investing in the area and many jobs would be lost. Tourism in the area would fall due to noise & pollution as no-one will want to visit an area where you cannot hear what is being said to you and it is impossible to get any sleep!

There is no evidence that we need a freight hub anywhere in the country as there is adequate capacity at existing airports. To want to put it on the doorstep of so many people is ridiculous. It would affect not just the lives of the people of Thanet, but also the surrounding area as the roads are already full with current traffic, to propose even more lorries transporting freight and fuel to and from Manston would be a nightmare.

The wildlife in the area will also be affected. The number of birds in our garden alone fell dramatically whilst the airport was in operation and since its closure is just beginning to recover, we have the birds returning at last! So it must affect the nature reserves in the area as well.