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I live on the Nethercourt Estate in Ramsgate, the area which will be the worst affected if Manston airport re-opens. We took the brunt of the noise and pollution before, which affected our health and environment.

My Children and Grandchildren deserve the best future that is possible and because of that I am totally against the application to build a freight hub at Manston.

My Grandson has passed [REDACTED] and therefore eligible to go to [REDACTED]. He, along with us and his parents thought he would go to [REDACTED], the closest one to where he lives, but with the threat of Manston re-opening his parents have decided to put down for him to go to [REDACTED], which is half an hour walk away. His future and wellbeing is of paramount importance to them and they felt he wouldn't be able to achieve as well at [REDACTED] if there were to be planes flying just overhead at all times of the day and night. He would be unable to hear or concentrate at school and would be unable to get enough sleep to enable him to stay alert at school.

All of my other Grandchildren, who live in Ramsgate, along with the many children who live on this estate and the whole area, will have their learning ability 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.

One of the meetings about the airport proposals many years ago was held in Chatham House Grammar School, as it was then called. At this meeting the speaker had to stop talking for a few long minutes whilst an aeroplane flew over, because no-one could hear what he was saying. That aeroplane certainly proved our point!

If the plans that RSP have put in are implemented, I feel it would be an environmental disaster for me, my family and thousands of other people.

We have been told that RSP has no limit on Air Traffic Movements during the night despite its "worst case" assumption of 8 flights per night, which was quoted at a consultation meeting earlier this year. It now seems that they are applying for a quota count system which could mean unlimited night flights.

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 + (recorded at Chatham House school & in KIACC reports which are being sent in by Nethercourt action group). It will be the same again but all night long, residents will suffer from a lack of sleep, resulting in many health problems and thus putting a further strain on the Health Service.

My Husband was diagnosed with [REDACTED] when the airport was operational. Since the airport closed his [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 others illnesses have been attributed to pollution from aircraft, which we certainly noticed when Manston was operational.

In the RSP documentation it says that it will have a permanent adverse effect on the area and people's lives.

Since the airport has closed Ramsgate has become a better place to live and many more people have been attracted to the area. A cargo hub would stop people investing in the area and many jobs would be lost. Tourism in the area would fall, no-one will want to visit an area where you cannot hear what is being said to you or it is impossible to get any sleep! Only today there was a report about how tourism has risen in the area over the past couple of years.

Vibrations would have an adverse effect on my house and many beautiful old buildings in Ramsgate which need protection, not shaken and destroyed. Even Pugin would have been appalled; his house is right under the flight path!

Our local church, St Laurence church, which was built in 1062, and is one of England's oldest. It was cracked by an earthquake and struck by lightning years ago. The planes come right over it and would shake it to pieces.

Ramsgate has the largest conservation area of Regency and Victorian houses in the county. These older buildings are particularly difficult to insulate and are susceptible to vibration.

Even if we could all insulate our houses, a cost which we certainly cannot afford, we cannot live inside a house which the noise wouldn't permeate, for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year! We need our outdoors to enjoy and fresh air to breathe.

There is no evidence that we need a freight hub as there is adequate capacity at existing airports. It would affect not just the lives of the people of Thanet, but also the surrounding area as the roads are already full, to propose even more lorries transporting freight and fuel to and from Manston would be a nightmare.

Even the bird numbers in our garden have gone up since Manston closed; they didn't like the pollution either! So it must affect the nature reserves in the area as well.

We once had a pond which we, our children and our grandchildren loved. It attracted a great deal of wildlife. Problems started when Manston was operational as a commercial airport. The surface of the pond was very frequently covered by an oily type of film; the only explanation was pollution from planes. We gave up trying to keep it clear, and could no longer enjoy it, so eventually decided to fill it in. Our wildlife suffered again as a consequence of the airport.

We do need more jobs in our area, but feel these will come from the sustained increase in tourism in Thanet over the last few years & SHPs proposed technical business park development at Manston. Any jobs created at the proposed airport will probably be filled from outside our area & zero hour contracts as they were before. This seems to be the case with the possible use of Manston as a lorry park if there are problems after Brexit. Jobs are to be given to people from the North, who are to be bused down to Maidstone, put up in hotels there, and then bused to and fro to Manston each day. There are many local people who could fill those jobs, and the same would happen if the airport re-opened. There

would be very few jobs for locals!