

Good morning/afternoon

My name is Gillian Emans and I am a resident of Birchington and support the reopening of Manston Airport.

Noise

I would like to put before the Examiners, if I may, not a technical submission but one based on personal experience.

Many years ago I lived at Crystal Palace when it was decided to include Formula 2 racing cars as well as the existing motorbike racing on their racing circuit within the old glass Palace grounds.

The noise was immense, as though it was coming from our garden, not only on weekend race days but also on practice days through the week.

Incredibly, in a short space of time, we hardly noticed the noise; yes, it was there but somehow our brains filtered out this noise.

When we moved to Birchington 6 years ago I was quite concerned about the railway line right at the back of our property, especially having moved after 38 years from a QUIET, rural Village where we were more subjected to the sounds of horses in our Lane, sheep in our fields and the early morning cockerels. I thought, therefore, adjustment might be difficult.

I can honestly say that for the first week I was aware of passing trains, especially the noisy, long, night-time freight train, but thereafter the trains ceased to exist in my auditory system as they were filtered out - and I am sure that is how it will be with the planes, especially as they are now so much quieter.