

27 March 2019

Dear Sirs

Could you please be so kind as to put this request to the Examining Authority on behalf of myself and my husband. We are Ramsgate residents and have two local businesses – Five10Twelve Limited and Love Ramsgate Limited.

We note all the submissions made by the Applicant to date including but not limited to the location, timing (including atypical events on the day) and duration of capturing noise baseline data in addition to the assumptions and assertions made at the Need and Noise hearings and the experience of the Applicant.

We do not believe the noise methodology used by the Applicant to produce noise contours is correct and therefore the noise contours are not accurate.

As you will be aware the veracity of the noise contours impacts everything from the Environmental Statement to the quantum of noise and vibration mitigation.

Currently, although there is a wealth of evidence submitted by Interested Persons including but not limited to the campaign group No Night Flights there is no aviation noise and vibration expert at the table.

We note that the noise and vibration expert for the Applicant is not an expert in aviation noise.

Rather Oliver Bewes of Wood is an acoustic consultant specialising in the control of noise and vibration from *railway systems* with experience in predicting *ground-borne noise* and vibration for high speed rail, EIA for high speed rail and the design of track systems for the Crossrail bored tunnels, the design of noise mitigation for the DLR 3-car upgrade and N&V services for East London Line and the Thameslink Programme.

As you will be aware aviation noise is a very different beast to ground-borne noise.

Further, due to the proximity of and the orientation of the runway planes will fly incredibly low over Ramsgate Town Centre if the Applicant is successful in the DCO.

Our understanding is that once the Noise Mitigation Plan is certified it is essentially set in stone and any revisions would require us to go back to the Secretary of State (or Thanet District Council).

This process would require us to suffer and then evidence that suffering over a period of time before changes could be made or mitigation provided.

Given the financial situation of and the behaviour of the Applicant to date that is incredibly worrying. It would also kill the regeneration, tourism and inward investment that is in progress in Ramsgate.

It seems that neither Thanet District Council or Kent County Council are willing to expend the resources to ensure that the quantum for noise mitigation is sufficient and that the Noise Mitigation Plan is in fact robust. Perhaps this is understandable given that Thanet District Council has already spent some £76,000 on experts as part of the two failed CPO attempts by the Applicant and has little monies left.

In any event, we find ourselves at this point.

We are in the process of engaging a noise and vibration aviation expert and have written to a number of esteemed experts requesting costings for a distinct piece of work on the Applicant's noise contours submitted.

Given the timeframe and that Deadline 6 is not until May. We respectfully request permission to submit this independent expert advice on receipt as a late submission to Deadline 5.

Kind regards

Samara and Jason Jones-Hall