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I represent my family and Nethercourt Action Group. I moved here 3 years ago. I would like to point out that no one has canvassed Nethercourt in that time. No Council, no Riveroak or our 2 members of parliament who are supposed to look after the interest of their constituents.

We have had no information on how this airport will affect us or what proposals Riveroak have for our homes. I do not support this DCO for four reasons.

1. Environmental.

Our Government is concerned over air pollution and have plans over diesel fumes and wood burners. They have not mentioned the fact that aircraft are the biggest polluters. Heathrow is one of the most polluted areas in the UK. Thanet Council advised that we have a population of 40,000 in Ramsgate and over 60% are over pension age.

2. Health

This means that the majority of residents are the most vulnerable to pollution related illnesses.

3. Noise

Previous noise levels at Manston were recorded at 90 and 100 decibels. The World Health Organisation want a limit of 44 decibels for HS2, early morning and late evening trains. What right has Riveroak to impose noise levels above this on Ramsgate?

4. Financial

I believe this DCO will decimate the tourist money which Ramsgate relies on. People will not choose to move here and buy properties and spend money. Since Manston closed there has been a huge increase in tourism and incomers to Ramsgate and property renovation. If homes on Nethercourt cannot be sold this in turn causes financial hardship and inability to move. Leading to job losses, medical and mental problems. More people on the housing list and the elderly unable to pay for care or retirement homes. Making financial problems for Thanet District Council.

Riveroak have said only a few people will be affected. Do they mean the thousands under the flight path or the thousands who live within 5k of the airport. They have boasted of thousands of jobs as they expand. Thousands might be created by a large successful passenger airport and not a cargo one which is mainly mechanised. How can they expand without more land surrounding the airport which is the area we live on. How can they have a safety area without this land? Compare the land Stansted has bought as it has expanded to deal with passenger requirements.

I suspect Riveroak will try to attract the aircraft that have been banned by Gatwick and Heathrow. Older, badly maintained, noisy most polluting every plan leaving

Manston does not mean 1 less using Heathrow who carry cargo in the hold of passenger aircraft.

This DCO request is from a paper company, no previous records, no plans, no employees, no contracts from any airlines, no financial records or past profits. Just promises. Does this sound familiar?

Thank you

Evidence

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6739807/Fresh-blow-HS2-study-says-noise-levels-breach-new-World-Health-Organisation-limits.html>