

Observation on responses re Manston on PINS website.



I have followed with interest the submissions on this site both for and against the reopening of Manston. While I have made my own submissions for the airport I feel I would like to comment on some of the negative comments against Manston.

There is a common theme running through many of the comments from individuals and anti-airport groups which is they oppose night flights 24/7. This in the submission from Riveroak has never been an intention however I believe this has now been truly backed up by Riveroak and PINS in the following extract.

New R22	Add new R22: "No aircraft can take-off or be timetabled to land between the hours of 2300 and 0600"	Refer to Applicant's response to DCO.2.47 which references the response to DCO.2.46. However, the ExA is of the opinion that, bearing in mind that the DCO if made would be a Statutory Instrument, having this requirement within that document would serve to strengthen its implementation and would provide transparency and accessibility in future.	The Applicant is content with this amendment.
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With the above in place I think it can be ascertained that there is no possibility of night flights or landings except when a plane has been operationally delayed or a mercy mission. I therefore wonder how many of the initial responses against Manston are now void as this is clearly what was never intended. As can be seen from anti Manston campaign groups much of their rhetoric was based on an untruth and spreading of fear amongst the community and I wonder if they would change their stance based on the above insert from PINS as it effectively destroys most of what their campaign has been about! Of course if they continue with their propaganda then it becomes clear that no night flights was never their intended outcome.

I also draw into question the validity/usefulness of this submission: TR020002-004051-Five10Twelve Ltd - DL7 Ramsgate Business Survey SUBMITTED.pdf

I find that we are expected to take at face value this survey however a closer look raises some questionable content.

29 businesses responded from an unclear total number in Ramsgate but a look at Yell business directory suggests there are over a thousand and more. Of these 29, 39% feel that they may relocate, this is just 11.31 of the respondents. My wife was at the time of the survey a sole trader and completely unaware of it. The promotion seems limited to say the least and I

note that the Ramsgate Town Promoter was one of the people distributing the survey. On her site she states she has 180 members so excluding any responses from Love Ramsgate this is a very lowly response to what is promoted as businesses chance to have their voice heard. The message I am getting is either they are not bothered or not affected by a reopened Manston. Also looking at some of the responses raises interest as to whether they hold any value.

- Lime Interactive Ltd is listed on Companies House as “07290 - Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores” and has an address at a house of multiple occupation in Ramsgate. I am not aware of any mining operations at this address or in Ramsgate. Also I fail to see how their following responses have any meaning to their registered business?
- How important is this type of custom to your business Inbound Tourists crucial Hospitality services (incl. F&B, cafe culture etc) crucial Inward Investment (incl. business and residential relocation) crucial Family-friendly services crucial Professional / business-to-business services very important Retail very important Arts, culture and leisure crucial Outdoor living and activities e.g. beach, park, 'cafe culture', Active Ramsgate, playing elds etc crucial
- They also state they will need to relocate at a proposed cost of £600000 from a building of multiple occupation?

Fresh Produce listed a concern about pollution being critical. When I checked this business is not what it appears from it's name but a graphics business which appears to operate from a private residence.

elegantlypapered.com lists a number of concerns for it's business as follows:

Inbound Tourists Somewhat important Hospitality services (incl. F&B, cafe culture etc) crucial Inward Investment (incl. business and residential relocation) Somewhat important Family-friendly services Somewhat important Professional / business-to-business services very important Retail Somewhat important Arts, culture and leisure crucial Outdoor living and activities e.g. beach, park, 'cafe culture', Active Ramsgate, playing elds etc crucial

It then goes on to list these impacts on the business:

Possible impacts Which of these cargo hub impacts do you think might affect you and your business? Aircraft noise Critical Impact Flight frequency Critical Impact Pollution Critical Impact More HGVs on roads Critical Impact More fuel tankers on roads Critical Impact Impact on tourists Critical Impact Residents/customers relocating Critical Impact Night Flights Critical Impact

However their website reveals their business is actually a magazine archive in London as follows:

All About Us

We are the largest vintage fashion magazine archive in the world. Based in London, our archive contains over 60,000 magazines and books with well over 500 individual titles. We only display less than 2% on our website, which is more of a taste.

I really fail to see how reopening Manston will affect their business in London!

Interesting their Facebook page tells a different story:

General Information

The archive is based in Margate South East UK, close to Dover, Ashford International on the Eurostar and just over an hour from London. We have spent more than 20 years collecting and the collection spans over 100 years from 1902 to present day.

They go on to state that they are within 5 minutes from Margate station which is well outside any area of concern with regards Manston.

They also state that they would relocate, cannot see why?

Lumiar Kent is a private school enterprise based at Richborough. Based 2-3 miles South of the airport and not under any flight path (Runway East to West).

Their responses to how Manston will affect their business:

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I was unaware that tourists and night flights could have an impact on a day school.

Love Ramsgate Limited the originator of the survey states that they will need to relocate at a potential cost of £250000? At present they rent an office space at The Marlowe Academy. That's a very expensive office? I actually live closer to the flight path than the office and I have never been bothered by the aircraft.

As you can see I am concerned about the accuracy of said survey and believe is it nowhere representative of business feeling in Ramsgate and at best some content is inaccurate and frivolous in nature and so I feel should be considered to disregard it.

The following is an extract from the survey located here <http://samarajoneshall.com/business-survey/> . The extract is already directing respondents to an answer and most notably this extract has been REMOVED from the submissions to PINS.

Your voice

Submissions to the UK Planning Inspectorate show that the majority of respondents and 93% of local residents' associations do not support the air cargo hub plans

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Also notable in the survey is the same reliance on the falsehood of night flights and 24/7 operation which at the start is shown that it was never an intention and is certainly not an option for Riveroak.

I would ask that my observations are considered within the context of the DCO application and with a view to remove such biased and unfactual input.

Yours Sincerely

Mr T J Huckstep.