

Written Summary of Oral Submission on 3/6/19 for Deadline 8
TR020002 –Manston Airport - Ref:20011948

Dear Sir,

Reference was made during Hearing 4 “Landscape, design, archaeology and heritage” of the number of movements over Ramsgate after year 20 of operation. The figure used was four and a quarter movements (on average) per hour.

I assume this figure was arrived at using the maximum ATMs of 26,468, dividing by 365 days and then dividing by the 17 hours of operation giving 4.26 movements per hour.

However, movements are both landing and take off. For normal operation a plane will land and take off into the prevailing wind. Assuming the prevailing wind is from the West, planes will land travelling over Ramsgate and take off towards St Nicholas. This means that only 2.13 movements (on average) will be over Ramsgate (landing) and 2.13 movements (on average) will be towards St Nicholas (take off).

This means that, on average, a plane could be seen over Ramsgate every 28 minutes in year 20 of operation. Obviously in the period leading up to this point planes will be seen less frequently. I fail to see how this frequency would have any detrimental effect on the numbers visiting the Heritage sites in Ramsgate and on tourism. Having been to Windsor Castle on a number of occasions it is clear that the very frequent flights over that building have not deterred people from visiting and enjoying the experience.

Kind regards,

David Stevens