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Subject: RSP DCO Deadline 8

Dear Manston Airport Team,

RSP DCO Reference: TRO20002-003503

Further to my oral submission on 5th June, 2019, in response to Natural England's understandable concern about the birds at Pegwell Bay in particular, I appreciate that although Natural England would like a survey done now, the ExA was told there were no bird surveys done in the 100 years before the airport was shut down in 2014, so a comparison will be impossible.

Nowadays, several Thanet bays including Pegwell and Sandwich too, regularly have dog walkers as well as a number of kite surfers on the beaches. I believe that the landing or taking off of aircraft, will cause much less disturbance than the hours that the sometimes large groups of surfers spend on the bays on a single, windy day. Also, there are often jet skis buzzing up and down past Pegwell Bay, plus there are daily pleasure motor boats that go past to the mouth of the River Stour by Sandwich Bay, to see the many seals basking there.

So, to that end, I feel it would be unfair to expect RSP to have to pay mitigation to Natural England for the shortage of any types of birds who visit Pegwell Bay and close by areas.

As I live in Pegwell, I write this submission from personal experience.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Angela Stevens.
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