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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Comments on Responses to the ExA's Third Written Questions received at Deadline 7a
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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing to you as a resident of Ramsgate involved in many local community groups. Over the past year, I have spoken to hundreds of residents of Thanet and noted a high level of concern about the prospect of a cargo hub being opened on the former Manston Airport site.

I have studied the Responses to the ExA's Third Written Questions received at Deadline 7a, and I must confess that I am struck by their gung-ho character.

The DCO applicant seems to exempt itself from responsibility in the matter of mitigating the effects of climate change. On 12 June 2019, the Prime Minister pledged to reduce the UK's emissions to "net zero" by 2050. It is widely acknowledged that the aviation industry has an enormous part to play when it comes to the emission of greenhouse gases, accounting for 5% of global warming. Much more attention needs to be paid to this aspect of the application.

It is simply not acceptable for the applicant to evade responsibility for conducting ecological surveys on the grounds of access. The designation of a modest area of the site for wildlife will do little to mitigate the mass loss of life caused for animals forced out of their habitats.

The noise contour maps produced by the applicant wildly underestimate the impact of aircraft noise on both bird and human life. Please see the more realistic noise contour maps commissioned from the Civil Aviation Authority (submitted as NNF18). These show the compensation levels proposed for those homes affected by the plans to be woefully inadequate.

I have previously submitted my health concerns about the DCO application. Do please let me know if you would appreciate some of the research literature on the adverse impact of night flights/sleep deprivation on health. The impact on the deprived population of Thanet would be particularly acute. I have not seen due consideration being given to health impacts, which needs to take account of NHS plans to close the local stroke unit.

I understand that other residents have raised questions about the financial viability of the plans attached to the DCO.

Unless concerns like those outlined above can be assuaged, I believe it would be irresponsible to grant a DCO for the Manston site.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this submission.

Yours faithfully

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