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Having read various studies regarding Airports and Health I am very concerned about a Cargo Hub being proposed on the old Manston Airfield.

1. Insulation compensation.

I have read the list of housing which are eligible for compensation and my property is right opposite some of the houses. My property is literally the width of a minor road from these properties and I fail to understand how an open road can reduce the noise from their houses to mine. I would like RSP to answer this question. I might add the government standard is to offer compensation at the 60Db mark and London City airport offers it at 57Db. At the government standard then 1,800 households would get help instead of a total of 225 households.

2. Pollution.

Living under the proposed flight path exposes both myself and my son to pollution which is shown to be detrimental to health and wellbeing.

Exposure to aircraft noise can lead to short-term responses such as sleep disturbance, annoyance, and impairment of learning in children, and long term exposure is associated with increased risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, heart attack, stroke, dementia, and may contribute to long-term mental health issues. Increasing attention is now being focused on the effects of noise on children's education, as well as cardiovascular disease induced by aircraft noise. The impact is particularly pronounced with night noise from aircraft. For myself I work in a very fast paced environment and lack of sleep will certainly affect my ability to continue to do so, which could force me to seek alternative employment, no doubt with less responsibility therefore a lower wage, so not only would the airport affect my health but also my standard of living.

3. Without a doubt my property will lose value if I have aircraft flying day and night – when I moved back to the estate it was very difficult to purchase a property as very few came on the market and when they did they were sold very quickly. Since the DCO has been submitted I notice that there are quite a few more properties for sale and remain on the market for a long time. If the DCO is accepted then that would leave me living in a property I could no longer afford and also in a position that I would not be able to sell and move elsewhere.

4. My property is less than 1.5km from the runway and after reading the documents in particular document TR020002-002454-7.2 I note that the expectation is that PSZs will not be needed at Manston in line with previous arrangements, yet the previous arrangements was a lot lower number of atms and surely the 1 in 10,000 risk contour would include a number of residential streets. It is totally unacceptable for residents to have to endure this day and night at all let alone without a PSZ in place. RSP do not appear to have any regard to the Health, Safety and Welfare of any of the Ramsgate residents.

5. Deadlines – Every single time RSP have failed to meet deadlines and it appears to be acceptable – this is a Company that appears to ride rough shod over all Ramsgate residents in any way that it can. If this DCO were to succeed then no doubt any complaints regarding night flights or noise from residents will be treated in the same manner without recourse.

I fail to find any evidence that RSP have produced that shows the DCO is actually a NSIP.

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