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Subject: The continuous saga
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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing once again concerning the proposed DCO of the Manston Airport, site an old airport that many tried to make work but failed, that RO, now called RSP or whatever they have become, feel they can 'buck this trend' and make it work!

I am of course, writing to strongly and vigorously object, not based on some fanciful desire or wish but on hard facts, which it seems have been continuously presented by ordinary residents, experts, local groups and organisation's as well as political groups and Town/Parish Councils.

I also refute the RO/RSP/? claim that most people in Thanet and Ramsgate want an airport back. During the local elections I stood as a Green Party Candidate for both Ramsgate and Thanet District Council in the Ward of Central Harbour. Part of my manifesto and pledge was to fight the return of any aviation on the old site, which has been my personal view since 2010, when the fight was against the introduction of night flights, proposed by the then airport manager Tony Freudmann. Quite rightly and sensibly given the impact on the residents of Ramsgate and Herne Bay, this was not approved, but here we are again, same man with an even bigger airport proposal. As a result, no one who voted for me could be in doubt, I was NOT in favour of a return of aviation. I was duly elected to both Parrish and District Council, clear evidence that the people of Central Harbour do not support the return of aviation. Indeed, the other successful Labour Candidates elected did so also on the exact same anti-Manston Airport stance.

My objections are many but here are a few:

1. An airport at Manston is simply not viable, the attempts by pervious owners (there have been a few), is clear evidence of this.
2. It is fact that the reintroduction of aviation at Manston will present a considerable health and safety risk to the populations of Ramsgate and Herne Bay. Again, this has been well evidenced by many previously and indeed the recent PiNs visit to my friend who lives on the Nethercourt Estate will have presented PiNs, with a clear and undeniable experience of what is going to happen should approval be given. During this visit my friend showed you how low aircraft flew over their home and described the damage done to her roof from the vortex of a cargo plane. She was also able to give you a news report concerning similar damage to a neighbour's property. Given RSP/RO/? want to massively increase incoming and outgoing aircraft, mainly cargo planes, which tended to be larger than the few passenger planes that previously used the site, these 'near-miss', events should be taken extremely seriously by PiNs. As for noise I feel many others will have covered this, but it will be considerable and continuous given RO/RSP/? have proposed night flights, despite the fact at the same time they seem to say outside of the PiNs process they do not!
3. RO/RSP/? failed to meet due diligence when attempting a CPO of the site with Thanet District Council. Despite the then UKIP administration desperately wanting to support a CPO, they could not. Hard evidence of money available and its source could not be presented by RO/RSP/? I believe they are still unable to do this, which is a considerable 'stumbling block' and a 'massive gamble', certainly one Thanet District Council was not happy to take. This begs the question, if PiNs were to approve a DCO, who would be liable if it was then subsequently discovered that the RSP/RO/? 'financial cupboard was bare'? Thanet residents have already had to deal with the present Governments Seabourne Ferries farce and we do not want another. As a result, can PiNs confirm who will be taking this risk and state that it will not be the Council Tax paying residents of Thanet that will 'foot the bill', if PiNs approve a DCO?

Lastly, as an ex-teacher of 20 plus years I find it hard to fathom and understand why RO/RSP/? are continually given 'extensions' to provide additional information. My Year 11 students would have failed months ago! Yet this is a company, allegedly, with expertise, knowledge, skill,

business acumen and air industry specialists, not to mention the 'magical money'! BUTSTILL CANNOT MEET DEADLINES. Even more worrying is why are PiNs extending deadlines. As a result, can PiNs please confirm:

1. Why this is?
2. What is the justification?
3. When will you stop giving extensions?

Kind regards

A very bewildered resident and now Green Party Parrish and Town Councillor.

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