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Ward	Current	May-19	result	
Newington	Labour	Labour	No Change	Red
Newington	TIC	Labour	Labour gain from TIC	
Central Harbour	Labour	Labour	No Change	
Central Harbour	Tory	Labour	Labour gain from Tory	
Central Harbour	TIC	Green	Green Gain from TIC	Green
Nethercourt	UKIP	Labour	Labour gain from UKIP	Red
Nethercourt	UKIP	Labour	Labour gain from UKIP	
Montefiore	UKIP	Labour	Labour gain from UKIP	
Montefiore	Labour	Labour	No Change	
Cliffsend	Tory	Tory	No Change	Blue
Cliffsend	UKIP	Tory	Tory Gain from UKIP	
Eastcliff	UKIP	Labour	Labour gain from UKIP	Red
Eastcliff	UKIP	Labour	Labour gain from UKIP	
Eastcliff	UKIP	Labour	Labour gain from UKIP	
Northwood	TIC	TIC	No Change	Light Green
Northwood	TIC	TIC	No Change	
Northwood	TIC	TIC	No Change	

The supporters of the RSP development at Manston have been keen to assert that the airport is the preferred option for the overwhelming majority of the residents of Thanet. At the hearing at the Winter gardens this was apparently evidenced by Dr Beau Webber's pathetic tally of on line questionnaires with an extremely biased line of questions relating to the airport or housing as the only options. Further to this the so called evidence base was the local MP and Ex Tory Councillor Paul Messenger's anecdotal doorstep evidence. As both of these individuals are openly pro the reinstatement of the airport their opinions have a bias which of course would be unacceptable in any bona fide research. Another issue that arose with this "evidence base" was that the participants on many of these questionnaires did not live in the area, often not even in the country and were involved in various pro aviation groups.

I have completed research at doctoral level and I have managed research projects within the NHS, none of this alleged research offered by SMA would constitute empirical evidence in research terms in the NHS or any academic institution. It would be derisory to suggest otherwise as it would not pass the essential criteria, the methodology, results and conclusions being essentially suspect.

The only really accurate reflection of local feeling on the airport issue is surely the recent local parish and district election results. In which the evidence of airport support was completely contradicted by the wins for two parties Labour and the Greens. These two parties categorically stated in their manifesto pledges that they were opposed to RSP's plans for the airport and a cargo hub. Labour and the Greens subsequently gained a number of seats from the two parties, UKIP and the Conservatives that said they were in favour of the RSP plans and a return of the airport to aviation (see the table above that

indicates the results on Ramsgate Town Council). I stood for the Labour Party on a very clear anti RSP/cargo hub agenda and successfully increased the Labour majority in an allegedly pro airport parish Newington. The Manston situation has now dragged on for over 10 years and many people thought the airport was closed permanently, or envisaged the return of a small regional airport. Increasingly the awareness of what is proposed has dawned on residents who understandably do not favour a cargo hub with all that this entails and they voted accordingly , with Labour and the Greens increasing their presence in TDC in addition to RTC.

Post the election RTC held a consultation meeting at Oddfellows Hall in Ramsgate it was packed and 95% of attendees expressed an opinion that reflected local views which is that a cargo hub is not the option the town wants for the Manston site. This was reflected in the submission sent by the Town Clerk on behalf of the meeting and RTC. I do not want a cargo hub at Manston and neither do the people of Newington who voted me in as their councillor.

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Ramsgate Town Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate

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Dear Sir/Madame,

Apologies about being unable to attach the PDF Noise Contour Document commissioned by Ramsgate residents but my wi-fi is being temperamental and you have already received the document.

I am registered as an interested party personally and I also represent a group of mental health professionals working in the statutory and voluntary sector. As such I have time off work to attend several days of the hearing of this protracted DCO process. I would like to thank the EXa for what I have perceived to be their fair and judicious approach. Their forensic questioning relating to the absence of documentation and clarity in the issues around funding and transparency, that underlined much of what I heard on the days I was present, was appreciated, but obfuscation appeared to be the tactic adopted by the RSP lawyers. I and my colleagues remain incredulous that time and time again RSP have failed to provide the required evidence base and accompanying documentation. We still cannot believe that this DCO process is happening when one considers the lack of accountability and transparency and the calibre of the individuals involved with RSP and this whole extended land grab. There appears to be a number of companies that have been set up with no apparent financial base and no trail of verifiable accounts or financial backing. We like many other residents feel very angry and resentful that this process has been protracted over a period of 10 plus years. A period of time which has further impacted on the degeneration of an already impoverished area.

I have lived and worked in Ramsgate since 2000 running local voluntary sector and NHS services in addition recently to operating a private practice from home. I was aware of how Manston and cargo flights impacted on my service which was directly under the flight path in West Cliff Rd as was my house in Spencer Square in the early 2000's. EU jet were in many ways more intrusive than the cargo flights as their operational times often occurred outside their prescribed hours and it was an experience that awoke me from sleep, I was therefore glad when their operations ceased. The ongoing uncertainty in relation to Manston has caused me and many others considerable anxiety. The closure of the airport in 2014 was a welcome relief and I looked forward to the site being utilised by SHP and a mixed use development enhancing the area with jobs, landscaping, recreational facilities and a variety of housing, unfortunately this has not happened. As mental health professionals we are all too aware of the paucity of jobs, training and housing within our area and a poverty of aspiration that impacts on the young people of Thanet. Poverty is the main factor that influences the physical and mental health inequalities that prevail locally and I have already submitted and presented in relation to this with local mental health statistics and the impact lack of sleep has on mental health WHO etc.

My concern with this submission is the difference between the noise contours that local residents were forced to commission, that bare little resemblance to the data produced by RSP. This gives us as a group further cause for concern in relation to the community and our work in it as the sleep contours financed by residents reveal a far more worrying and realistic picture of what the inhabitants of Ramsgate may be forced to endure if this project comes to fruition. As none of the directors or indeed many of the key figures promoting the RSP plans live locally they will remain unaffected by the noise and air pollution it will not be their physical and mental health that suffers in pursuit of a profit. They will not experience working with patients

where it will be impossible to hear what the client says, ( the community mental health team is situated extremely close to the end of the runway). The noise contours provided by RSP state that only 225 houses would be able to receive compensation as a result of the impact of noise. The government contours indicate a far greater number and the contours adopted by London City airport cover a still greater area including mine and many of my colleagues homes, I doubt £4,000 would be sufficient to triple glaze my house which like many in the area is Grade 2 listed. Although of course should RSP receive the permission to proceed with their cargo hub our houses will be unsaleable the financial and future implications of which are extremely concerning to a number of us.

The noise impact is considerably understated in RSP's contours my house and that of nearly 38,000 people in Ramsgate not counting Herne Bay will experience noise levels of over 54 dB LAeq, this is the onset of significant community annoyance and will impact on the learning experience of children at a number of local schools. This will be daytime noise and it has been made patently obvious at the hearing that the RSP model relies on night flights no matter their denials and mendacity.

I cannot state in strong enough terms the appalling impact this RSP development would have on the communities of Herne Bay and Ramsgate. There has been so much social and economic progress locally that has been impacted by the uncertainty of the Manston situation. We residents need our voice to be heard above the dissembling, disingenuous, characters involved in this scheme. Why do they not take their scheme to Prestwich but of course we know the answer to that?

Yours Sincerely,  
Jane Hetherington  
Psychotherapist and mental health professional  
Ramsgate Town Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate

In 2015u  
UKIP 33seats 36%  
Conservatives 18 seats 31%  
Labour Party 4 12%  
Independent 1 1%  
Green 0 2%

2019  
Conservatives 25 38%  
Labour Party 20 30%  
Thanet independents 7 10%  
Green Party 3 9%

This article which appeared today confirms our submission in relation to mental health and airports and is particularly pertinent in relation to the already poor mental health services in Thanet and the spate of recent male suicides.

Yours Sincerely,  
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