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Subject: Objection to Manston development

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Dear Sir or Madam.

There are many reasons for my objections to this proposal but, rather than listing them all, I would like to focus on the social and environmental impact.

The proposed air freight development will be the death of Ramsgate and surrounding towns and villages as tourist venues. There is no logical or financial argument to place a noisy and pollution generating development so close to towns reliant on revenue generated by tourism and with so many protected wildlife areas. We can be awarded blue flags for our clean beaches but people will not sit on a beach or stay in a hotel with planes flying overhead when there are alternative "quiet" beaches elsewhere. The argument for the financial benefits coming from this airport will therefore be cancelled by the massive loss in tourism revenue. Broadstairs has recently been voted one of the top 50 beaches in the world - that won't be the case if airplanes are flying in such close proximity.

Like many people, I moved to Thanet to enjoy a peaceful life. I previously lived in a city, ironically about 5 miles away from an airport. I therefore know the disruption caused by airplane noise, particularly late night and early morning flights. In an already noisy city, the impact was to accept yet another loud noise but in the peaceful environment of Thanet, the disruption will be terrible. So not only will tourism be effected, I'm afraid there may also be an exodus of those of us who moved here for peace and quiet - again the negative impact to the local economy will be great.

This development will ruin this beautiful and relaxing seaside jewel. Our quirky and peaceful atmosphere will be lost forever and many local business will be negatively affected. It beggars belief that we are discussing a development that will spoil such a beautiful part of the country and I therefore plead for you to reject this development that will benefit a few but devastate so many.

Kind regards, Catherine Gardiner

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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