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Dear Sirs

I have written in previously with concern over the potential impact of a cargo hub over Ramsgate and my home. I've been to all but two days of the open hearings, researched the documentation out there regarding what is really on offer, opposed to what was produced at RSP's consultation, and have reported back to friends and neighbours who are either not online, or couldn't go to the hearings, making them aware of the process and possible outcomes. This year, I was also elected as a councillor for my ward, I fought for my seat, along with my fellow ward councillor, with the information that we would oppose the DCO if we got into Ramsgate Town Council.

The Council, whose submission opposing the cargo hub, you have recently received, produced this document written with the benefit of the town in mind. It was written on the back of a public meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, where we invited the residents and businesses to have their say on the airport. There were people from both sides of the argument, giving reason why it should or should not go ahead. And yet, the belief by the majority was, despite claims to create jobs, and bring in regeneration to the town, none of it outweighed the impact the airport would have on the 40,000 residents and subsequent businesses in the area. This was the first public meeting from a council body, either RTC or TDC, yet we have been told time and time again that 'the people of Ramsgate want the airport', even though up until the 21<sup>st</sup> May this year, there has been no one asking them!

I have seen the submissions from 5ten12, regarding the noise contours produced, at their own expense I believe? And the documentation and noise contour study sent in by No Night Flights. This information explains clearly the averaged level of noise that people can be subjected to, but more importantly the real life level of noise that is what we have and will experience on a daily basis. This study was paid for by residents of Ramsgate and Herne Bay in fact, so that details of what the noise we would be subjected to would be available for all. Something that the applicant has failed to explain fully to the people living in the area.

I still fail to understand with the current concern over climate change, emissions, noise pollution and so on, how this scheme is being considered where there is a large residential population so close by and in a physical location that amplifies the noise due to the architecture. I have written previously

about how the tall Victorian houses channel the noise up the streets and make the real life impact of aircraft seem unbearable when flying overhead. When people write to you saying you could not hold a conversation they really did mean that!

So, I write again, as a Councillor now, as well as a resident, to ask you to weigh up the colossal impact this project would have on a town going through a transition. A town that has come out fighting, wanting to be heard. A town that wants to promote its heritage, nature reserves, tourism, and mostly its quality of life for its residents. It is undisputed that the area needs jobs and regeneration, but this scheme, with its thin veneer of a NSIP by a company that is failing to provide financial information, is not the answer to that problem.

Regards

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