

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Manston Airport](#)  
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Sirs,

I am compelled to write to you as a matter of urgency regarding the recently publicised letter from Ramsgate Town Council to yourselves.

The Local newspapers are carrying a story explaining the nature of the letter.

This letter suggests the council was unanimous in its opposition to Manston Airport reopening for aviation use.

I should like to set the record straight regarding the composition of the letter and the manner in which the meeting was hastily arranged in order to produce this unbalanced opinion.

I have attempted to set the record straight via local Social Media. My published comment is as follows...

'There is a local newspaper article today that says RTC is unanimously against Manston Airport being returned to aviation. Here are some facts...

The meeting was called at very short notice and coincided with a Police community safety meeting which had been in our diaries for months.

Those calling the meeting knew of the clash.

ONLY Labour Cllrs turned up and took a unanimous vote to produce this letter. RTC had already submitted a letter to the Inspectorate at an earlier stage in the process.

The views of Cllr S. Piper, L.Piper, G Rusiecki and Barbara Young were known by the town clerk and the council chairman and they seem to have been ignored.

Before submission for publication, this letter, described as representing the people of Ramsgate through their elected representatives, was only reviewed by the Chairman who is a Labour cllr and the other committee Chairs, also all Labour.

Can you see a pattern?

IMV it was a disgraceful stunt by people who should know better and who have brought shame on the good name of Ramsgate Town Council.'

Sirs I respectfully request that you treat the Council letter with some scepticism because it certainly does not represent the views of the people of Ramsgate who are hopeful that a return to aviation will bring jobs and training opportunities to this impoverished seaside area and allow the economy to grow and therefore Thanet to prosper.

I offer my grateful thanks and those of my colleagues who support the DCO application, in anticipation of your kind consideration and approval.

Cllr Rev. Stuart Piper.