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Following our recent submission we have had the opportunity to read the Five 10T welve and NNF submissions which include the noise contours/reports drawn up by the CAA and paid for by local residents. There is a massive difference in the ones RSP have used during the DCO process. We were shocked to hear at the ISH that the ones drawn up by RSP were done by someone with no experience of producing noise contours and had never used the software before. This is from a company who have supposedly spent £15m on the DCO application. Sorry if that is incorrect but every time we see the amount spent it is different. They could have commissioned the CAA to do them or at least used CAA software. It seems to us they never expected anyone to question them. As TDC used the noise contours supplied by RSP to do a Local Impact Report (LIR) and they don't even show a worst case scenario nobody, including TDC & the ExA, can have any confidence that they show the true impact on the residents of Ramsgate. They are averages of averages anyway which are easily manipulated by very slight changes in any of the information input. The only real measure of noise blight is by taking contours of single ATMs as that is the way people hear them not an average. Four 90-100db 3-4 minute events (these decibel levels are on record as being registered over Ramsgate) an hour is far more damaging than what an average would be especially at night.

There is also the fact Ricardo the company used by TDC to create an LIR has links with Sally Dixon as it seems she set up their aviation operation which to us brings into question their true independence.

At the end of the day RSP want to run a 24/7/365 cargo hub with all the responsibilities and public safety concerns that involves and yet it seems they cannot even supply a basic requirement of the DCO application that has any validity. We really have to wonder where they have spent the large sums (£15m) on the DCO they claim to have. They certainly haven't spent it on informing Nethercourt residents of the true impact their proposals will have on us. In our opinion it seems more likely they have spent more money trying to hide it from us.