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**To:** [Manston Airport](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Development Consent Order by Riveroak Strategic Partners  
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

I am a local resident objecting to Riveroak's application for Development Consent.

We are facing a climate emergency. Increasing air flights for cargo purposes is unacceptable when we already understand the impact on climate change. Alternative means of transporting goods, and encouraging local and circular economy supply chains is the only sensible "development". The U.K. government and KCC have already declared a climate emergency and TDC is set to declare on 11 July. Action plans to move us towards zero-carbon cannot include new airports.

In addition I'd like to highlight the problems with -

Noise pollution: The impact of noise from Manston on local communities if the DCO goes ahead is significant - see <http://ramsgatevoice.com/> for details. The noise contours' drawn up by RSP Ltd creatively underestimate the problem. We know that noise pollution is damaging to physical and mental health (which is already poor in this area) and disrupts education. The Human Rights Act says that we're all entitled to respect for our private and family life and enjoyment of our homes, and that anyone making a decision that interferes with this must show that those affected have had full information on its impact and the chance to object. RSP's information on noise contours is inaccurate, so the information available from them does not pass this test.

National need: The only rationale for a DCO is overwhelming national need - but there's spare cargo capacity at Stansted and East Midlands (which are both very well networked and have extensive supporting infrastructure). There is no national need for this facility.

Jobs: RSP's justification for 'significant adverse effects' on the quality of life of residents in Ramsgate and surrounding areas is that their cargo hub will bring jobs to Thanet. How can this be true when handling is almost entirely automated, jobs at airports are primarily for passenger services, and even these are reducing as technology takes over services? What we need is good quality jobs and training for local residents. Cargo hub jobs are not a job for the future, particularly not as our action plans to create a zero/carbon Britain are developed.

Viability: Manston has failed as a commercial airport several times because it's surrounded on 3 sides by water and has poor onward transport infrastructure. There's no evidence that this proposal is any more viable than previous ones - in fact, it appears to be less so: RSP's business plan involves achieving more than 100% of the existing national cargo market, which is entirely unrealistic.

Best  
Naomi

Sent from my iPhone