From:
To: Manston Airport
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Dear sir/madam.

I am a little bemused by some of the correspondence I have seen relating to compensation for residents who are affected by noise from the proposed development. It seems to me that various parties who are avid supporters of the campaign to reopen Manston are trying to persuade the Planning Inspectorate to reduce the blanket figure for compensation. To do this they are relying on wholly inappropriate comparisons with London City Airport.

Surely, compensation should not be based on what RSP or their supporters want to pay? Presumably, they would like to pay nothing so this approach would, inevitably, end up with people receiving inadequate compensation. Surely compensation should be based around an assessment of people's losses. The sums which have been mentioned to date fall way short of the losses which people are likely to incur.

For example, if my house was worth £250,000 prior to the DCO application and the award of the DCO results in a 10% devaluation I would be entitled to claim £25,000. If my house was worth £500,000 prior to the DCO and was similarly devalued I would be entitled to claim £50,000.

My understanding is that people affected by HS2 have been offered a lump sum in compensation, worth 10% of the unblighted value of their property, up to a maximum of £100,000. Can you explain why the people who want to open a freight depot at Manston should not be be paying a similar kind of figure? After all, we are being told that Manston, like HS2, is a Nationally Important Infrastructure Project,

Kind Regards,

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