

Deadline 9 submission to PINS
From Christabel and Jonathan Bradley, residents of East Cliff, Ramsgate
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Dears Sirs,

From the start, we have been alarmed by the Applicant's obfuscation regarding night flights, which continues to this date.

The Applicant states in its Deadline 8 submission (page 6):

'The Applicant has considered the night-time quota count of 3028 that it is proposing in the light of night flights now only consisting of late-arriving flights plus emergency and humanitarian flights and departing flights between 0600 and 0700. It is unlikely that there would be more than five passenger flights departing during that hour and unlikely that any aircraft with a quota count of greater than 1 would be used. The Applicant is therefore willing to reduce the quota count to 2000 (365.5 being 1825) but this would be on the basis that late-arriving, emergency and humanitarian flights would be excluded from that total. If they are to be included, as at present, the Applicant would wish to keep the original figure of 3028.'

We object to RSP's haggling tone when no social, economic or environmental assessment had been made in mitigation.

We residents fear the severe impact night flights have on our lives.

This proposal would allow RSP an unlimited number of late arrivals and planes as noisy as QC4.

Their self-selected assortment of limits and curfews have not been subject to public consultation and is wide open to abuse by the airport operator.

Previous management at Manston, including struck-off solicitor Tony Freudmann for Wiggins, were not permitted SCHEDULED night flights, but welcomed 'late arrivals' all through the night.

We urge you at PINS to continue your rigorous examination because we fear RSP's disingenuous application.

In the worst case for Ramsgate residents of this DCO being granted, knowing the 'significant adverse effect' even RSP admit it would have on our lives, and having to suffer the consequences of extreme injustice in the face of RSP's private financial gain, we urge that there is an ABSOLUTE BAN on night flights.

No late arrivals. No scheduled, chartered, programmed, timetable flights at all.

Nothing in the air between 2300 and 0700 unless it is a genuine emergency – with subsequent proof and accountability.

No departures at any time at night. No stream of ATMs at 0600.

Once and for all, the very least we need is an absolute, crystal-clear guarantee that night flights are FORBIDDEN.

Yours faithfully,

Christabel and Jonathan Bradley
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