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Older Aircraft

Response to ExQ4

Submission Deadline 9

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Residents have always been particularly concerned about old aircraft flying to and from Manston. Our experience of the now defunct airport was that there were disproportionately more older planes in use, mainly for dedicated cargo flights. It is the case that cargo operators do tend to use older planes and use them for longer. Older, less efficient, noisier passenger planes are typically converted into dedicated freight planes. Older planes are statistically more dangerous and there are particularly poor safety records from the African airlines. The Applicant has repeatedly stated in consultations and during the DCO process that they expect goods from Africa to be flown into Manston. This was residents' experience when the airport was open with regular, noisy, polluting flights arriving from Africa, bearing we were told, chopped fresh fruit.

It is essential that older aircraft be banned and I note that the Applicant is still proving slippery on this point. I am pleased to see that the ExA is reiterating its questions on this subject to the Applicant. If any airport is to be created at Manston, it is vital that older, noisier, more polluting and less safe aircraft be banned and that this is secured in the DCO.

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