From:
To: "Manston Airport"

Subject: Restriction of flights from Manston Airport due to traffic concerns

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Dear Sirs

I have been made aware that there is a proposal as part of the DCO process to restrict flights "the ExA proposed a new Requirement 19c: "No passenger air transport departures can take place between the hours of 09.00 and 12.00 and no passenger air transport arrivals can take place between the hours of 07.00 and 08.00."

As a regular user of the airport before it closed I used to use morning flights regularly from Manston, when it flew to Schiphol by KLM. I also used Flybe to go to Belfast and Edinburgh. Never during that time did I see any impact on traffic. There were never any queues or any noticeable change at all. The modern smaller aircraft like the Embraer, have, I understand, some 88 seats and that might mean perhaps 40 extra cars coming into the airport before a flight. I cannot see any significant impact from that especially since road improvements are being proposed in any case.

The alternative to an airport with at least 2000 houses (and I suspect many more) WOULD add a significant burden to the roads with thousands of cars being added at peak time.

I am firmly of the opinion that any suggestion to restrict flights in the morning would be detrimental to my use of the airport and also to the business case for RSP since I suspect airlines who might consider running a service from there would be put off by such restrictions.

I can see no sensible reason for the proposal and would ask that it be reconsidered.

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