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Dear Sir,

We read in the second dDCO [PD-018] issued on 14th June 2019 the ExA proposition of a new requirement 19c:, with much concern , to impose passenger restrictions ,namely *“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 “* this will mean flights for business and passenger services to hub airports, ie Amsterdam /Paris will be restricted for the business community and passengers of East Kent, it will also put any airline endeavouring to provide these flights with scheduling problems due to the limited slot availability into these hub airports, which needs to be taken into account, and will therefore make Manston unattractive to any airline that may wish to operate from Manston.

It cites that traffic flows in the airport area would be adversely affected during this “peak period”, with the proposed road and junction improvements by the applicant , any other road improvement requirements (long overdue and the responsibility of the local authorities) are not the responsibility of the applicant .

It also needs to consider that the bulk of passenger road traffic will come from the A299,A253/A28 and A256, which means that the local pinch points East and North of Manston will not be adversely affected, during this peak period.

It also fails to consider the future of air travel ,where electric and alternative fuel aircraft will become the norm, which would be quieter and with zero emissions , to impose such a restriction ,within the DCO would mean it could not be changed to reflect these changes.


Chairman for and on behalf of KNMA Group.

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