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As a full time teacher, I have not been able to respond to the 175 questions contained in the Fourth Written Questions at the busiest point in the school year in the very short time frame given. I feel strongly that the application does not meet the criteria for it to be considered a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. I believe this since so many questions continue to remain unanswered and the Applicant has consistently missed deadlines for filing submissions, has supplied inadequate and misleading information about the project and has been repeatedly unclear about the nature and frequency of proposed night flights, noise contours and about proposed job creation among many other inconsistencies too numerous to mention.

Thanet residents continue to be very much "in the dark" about the true nature of what is proposed since most are unaware of the voluminous documents that we are all expected to digest. Indeed a very large proportion of Thanet residents still believe the proposed "airport" means a return to its previous incarnation as a part-time passenger terminal. The Applicant has not been transparent about its finances which should ring alarm bells for even the most commercially inexperienced.

Without the time to respond to each and every one of the 175 questions I am particularly alarmed by the ambiguous information provided by the applicant regarding the night time quota count and noise contours. I refer to ExQ4 questions Ns. 4.10 to the applicant. My scepticism is justified regarding the applicant's promise that night time flights would be "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" This is deliberately misleading and ambiguous and leaves the door wide open for so-called "late-arriving" flights to land and depart throughout the night. Simply telling us that these events would be "unlikely" is not adequate confirmation and by deliberately masquerading the reduction of the quota count to 2000 as a concession being made for the benefit of residents is actually no commitment against night flights at all when late flights and HEMA flights are excluded. I recall clearly the noticeable **regularity** of such "late-arriving flights" well into the night when the airport operated a passenger service.

I am also concerned that private local companies have felt it necessary to finance obtaining their own clear and realistic noise contour maps due to the inadequate provision of suggested noise contours provided by the applicant (ND.4.13) and I would like to express my grave concern as to why Thanet residents would be given a different compensation scheme from residents living close to other airports. As a teacher at a local primary school, I am extremely concerned about the negative impact of noise on classroom learning when curriculum coverage is already stretched and the pressure for children to achieve and progress has never been greater.

I would like to see Ramsgate prosper and improve as tourism rapidly becomes the most effective driver of economic growth and people continue to move to the area. The applicant's projections for job creation have never been robustly defined and clarified and

would in no way serve to mitigate the huge jobs losses across many different sectors of the community but most heavily from the burgeoning tourism industry in Ramsgate.

I simply cannot accept the viability of this project when it is riddled with so many inconsistencies, gaps and frankly downright lies - coupled with the overwhelming evidence that cargo capacity is already met by other alternative (and more suitably located) airports. Please let Thanet residents move forward with their lives and not continue to live under a persistent cloud of uncertainty.

Your sincerely

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