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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: your decision airport about opening an airport at Manston, Kent
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Dear Madam

I'm very concerned about the Noise Mitigation Plan most recently submitted by RSP.

1.7 Any aircraft which has a quota count of 4 or more cannot take-off or land at the airport between the hours of 0600 and 0700.

Does this mean aircraft can land unscheduled and "late" at any time between 2300 and 0600? I'm told a 747-400 cargo plane is only QC4 on departure. So will we be subjected to "late" planes louder than a cargo 747-400 - coming in all night with no limit on numbers?

1.8 The airport will be subject to an annual quota between the hours of 0600 and 0700 of 2000 [quota points]. Each landing and take-off at the airport during that time period is to count towards this annual quota. An aircraft is deemed to have taken off or landed during the time period if the time recorded by the appropriate ATC control unit as 'airborne' or 'landed' respectively falls within it.

Is it true that this means there is NO QC limit between the hours of 2300 and 0600? If it is true, then the airport can use 2000 QC points over the year for the hour 0600 to 0700. Any "late" arrival between 2300 and 0600 wouldn't count towards that QC quota. If this is true, it surely means that RSP can have as many night arrivals as it likes, all through the night, of anything up to and including QC4, as long as they stop by 0600.

Can you imagine what this will do to the health of our children and day workers, their ability to concentrate at school or work? It will make Ramsgate an area of even greater deprivation since it will also wipe out our budding tourist trade. Would you choose to holiday in a place where you'll be disturbed by night planes that wake you up every time you fall asleep? RSP could have an enormous number of flights of up to and inc QC2 for that hour, then back to any QC they like for 0700 to 2300. We have lived here since 2011 and you had to stop talking indoors when a flight was going over during the day. This is much, much worse than anything we have lived through before. I'm told that proportionally, it is worse than is allowed in the London airports!

1.12 The forecasts for the area enclosed by the 50dB(A) Leq16hr (0700-2300) contour shall not exceed 35.8 sq km, and the area enclosed by the 40dB(A) Leq8hr (23.00-07.00) contour shall not exceed 47.4 sq km. Future calculation, monitoring and reporting of the application and any breaches to the contour is discussed in Section 7 below

I'm told this is a fictional noise cap ie it's not shown anywhere. So we don't know what it would mean in practice. It won't be measured by actual noise monitors because there will be just 4 of them 6.5Km from start of roll on the departure paths only. It seems there will be no noise monitors for arrivals or in residential areas. That is odd, isn't it?! So if the noise cap is a hypothetical construct, then it has no meaning in terms of limiting noise. Anyone who can hear a plane going over them will still be able to hear it

Noise mitigation is still well below what the London airports are offering. And it seems RSP is not planning to report, at all, on ACTUAL noise levels generated every year. So, no noise monitoring apart from those 4 monitors 6.5km away. Everything will be based on hypothetical noise models.

Your decision is vital to the lives of local people in Ramsgate. If you decide to give permission to open Manston as an airport, do please demand a better noise deal for the nights!

Many thanks

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