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As a former resident of Ramsgate, I am writing to express my deep concern over RSP's proposals for noise mitigation.

It seems RSP is offering to help with noise mitigation for residents within a 63db noise contour and the examiners have asked for this to be reduced to 60db. I understand that London City Airport provides assistance to people in the 57db contour and that the proposal for those at Heathrow being considered under an identical airport DCO is either the 57db contour or the 55Lden contour, whichever is the bigger. It is also my understanding that the WHO is recommending a move to 54db and this is being considered by the U.K. Government. Under these circumstances, I think it would seem right for the residents of Ramsgate and Herne Bay to be offered the same degree of help as those at these other airports and would ask you to direct RSP to provide assistance at these levels, at least 57db, if not the future expected 54db.

I also note that RSP have proposed fines for planes exceeding specified maximum noise levels. These fines seem disproportionately small compared to the nuisance caused to residents, much too low to be an effective deterrent and the noise levels are out of line with the levels I understand apply to other airports. Perhaps the examiners could ask RSP to justify their approach with particular reference to other airports and developing government policy.

Thank you Heather James

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