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To: [Manston Airport](#); [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Opposing Cargo Hub at Former Manston Airport
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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing in to oppose the cargo hub airport at Manston for many reasons, mainly related to the adverse impact to thousands of people's health (including my own) within the peninsular area in which we live and breathe, as well as the environmental damage that it will do to not only our wildlife but to the area as a whole with noise and the poor air quality that many innocent people will have to suffer.

I recently travelled to Iver Heath (Junction 16 on the M25) from my home in [REDACTED]. This journey should have taken me under 2 hours, not the 3 hours and 40 minutes that it took (outside of rush hour) mainly because of the volume of traffic on every main road that I travelled on. I don't believe that RSP should funnel more lorries into our already over-congested roads, just to get the freight around the M25 to the rest of the country. What a ludicrous site RSP are proposing for their Cargo Hub due to it being situated on a peninsula in Kent, with the incoming cargo having to be transported around the whole country. Not to mention the extra lorries arriving at the airport with freight that needs to be flown out. That's certainly not very environmentally friendly, adding more congestion, aircraft emissions, lorry emissions etc. This country is meant to be reducing its carbon emissions, not adding to them by placing a cargo hub airport in completely the wrong location.

I understand that Thanet's residents need more jobs in this area, but we also need a clean and fresh environment in which to live, work and play. The projected volume of jobs (RSP's number keeps changing with the wind) does not equate to the volume of jobs that I believe will be lost in our tourism industry. We have stunning beaches, beautiful scenery and wonderful wildlife areas, which if promoted more heavily and with the right investment, the jobs it would create would far outweigh the highest job figure quoted by RSP, and all without innocent residents and wildlife having to suffer the side effects of a polluting airport of the proposed kind.

At the moment the residents and wildlife of Thanet and Herne Bay are not breathing in the fumes from thousands of dirty cargo airplanes/lorries that this cargo hub will bring. Our lives should not have to be changed in order for this company to make money by ruining the lives and wellbeing of thousands of people. We should not have to suffer!

I live very close to the end of the runway and I have smelt the awful emissions that these dirty freight planes release. The aviation fuel and exhaust fume smells are intolerable. I have experienced these awful fumes before the Airport closed, but I can't possibly imagine having to smell them from 6am to 11pm every day, along with the volume of decibels that these planes will bring to my ears. Not to mention being woken throughout the night with them accepting late arrivals! No amount of insulation will keep the noise and smell from getting inside my home, spending time in my garden will be a thing of the past, nothing will stop my home shaking from the vibrations that every plane brings to my doorstep, especially with 70% flying towards Herne Bay, meaning they will be sat with engines running until full throttle at the end of my garden. No amount of compensation that RSP could give me would ever be enough for how unhealthy my life will become through no fault of my own. Why should this company be allowed to change my way of life for their benefit?

I currently love sitting and relaxing in my garden at the weekend after a long week at work. Day and night there is always a flurry of activity, from the day time birds, robins, blackbirds etc to the evening birds like barn owls. I also enjoy watching the bats. Why should this company ruin our wildlife and our lives?

Many people seem to be wallowing in the nostalgia of what Manston Airport was in years gone by and cannot wait to see a plane in the sky, but from talking to them they don't seem to realise that it will not be returning to its former glory, it's going to be nothing but a massive, dirty cargo hub that won't be taking them on holiday, and the only things it will give them is an unhealthy lifestyle and a nightmare future.

Please do not allow this cargo hub to blight this beautiful area.

Kind regards,
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