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Dear Sir /Madam,

I have written to you several times before, and have attended various public meetings to communicate my thoughts and to represent the opinions of residents.

My purpose in writing to you now is to make clear my opposition, as a Kent County Councillor, as a senior elected politician for Ramsgate and as a resident of Ramsgate, to an air cargo hub, to additional pollution in both our skies and on our roads. In the eye of an environmental storm, the intention to develop 18 cargo bays, a flight every 12.5 minutes at Manston is utterly obscene. It flies in the face of common sense, it is an affront to those of us concerned with climate change. It looks like an ill concealed 'land grab'.

I have now been elected, with strong support 3 times, on a clear platform of no night flights and no air cargo hub.

I remain concerned about,

Road traffic. Both tankering in fuel, goods, and moving out of thanet air cargo goods. What will be the impact on our roads? On our air quality?

I remain strongly and significantly concerned about both night flights, and flights in the 'shoulder' periods. Will disturb sleep and will have a negative impact on the health and well-being of residents under the flight paths. Including a negative impact on respiratory and heart problems. ***Creating increased ill health.***

I am concerned about the impact of young learners both in school and at home. Our youngsters will be set a greater disadvantage than other similar young people in Kent. ***This will create disadvantage they will not be able to overcome.***

These are not concerns that can be included within a 'cost benefit analysis'. They need to be addressed as serious stand alone concerns. ***There is no mitigation for any industry creating the conditions which cause or extend the impact of ill health.***

I fear devastation of our burgeoning tourism industry in Ramsgate.

I wonder about the promise of the type and number of jobs created with the dawn of driverless technology and AI, artificial intelligence.

Last but by no means least. Ramsgate is rich in architectural heritage. There are no sound reduction measures which can be retrofitted to our outstanding and unique buildings. ***None.***

I remain to be convinced by an open, transparent and candid exchange with the developers RSP. ***Who have already declined to engage in a dialogue with me in public.*** This does not bode well.

Kind regards

Cllr Karen Constantine.



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