

TR020002 - Manston Airport DCO - Deadline 12 Thanet Green Party submission to PINs - reference: 20014332

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I have become increasingly concerned about the Manston Airport DCO.

I refer to the Applicant's Answers to Fourth Written Questions dated 29/06/19 (TR020002/D9/FWQ Examination Document).

At Ns 4.10, under the heading *Quota Count Night Time*, the Applicant says:

"The applicant is therefore willing to reduce the quota count to 2000 (365*5 being 1825), but this would be on the basis that late-arriving, emergency and humanitarian flights would be excluded from that total. If they are to be included as at present, then the Applicant would wish to keep the original figure of 3028."

Applicant's Response: The NMP (at TR020002/D9/2.4) has been amended to reflect this, at paragraph 1.8.

If the Examining Authority allows this, it will be exposing the local residents to the threat of an unlimited number of night flights which would seriously affect their sleep. This would have a serious effect on the health of the local population – and have serious consequences on children's education.

There would be nothing to stop the Applicant from allowing "late" arrivals to land at any time, at any noise level, between 2300 and 0600. This has never been consulted on, nor has it been modelled by the Applicant and presented for examination to the Examining Authority. Having attended a number of the public events held by the ExA, I have heard RSP representatives claim that there would be "no scheduled or unscheduled night flights between 2300 and 0600 hours, apart from late arrivals and emergency flights". The above quote is now a change to that claim.

This new position is completely and utterly unacceptable. I therefore wish object to the Examining Authority allowing the Applicant's suggestion at Ns.4.10 to remain in the Noise Mitigation Plan for the Manston Airport DCO. The Applicant has consistently said to the public that it does not need night flights and that there will be no night flights. Let us hold the Applicant to that in the clearest possible terms in the Noise Mitigation Plan and in the draft DCO: no flights, scheduled, chartered, or otherwise labelled, late or on time, between 2300 and 0700.

Yours very concerned,

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