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Dear sirs/madam

I find myself having to write in again to oppose the opening of the Manston Cargo Hub Airport on my doorstep, I could throw a stone onto the runaway from my back garden, my street must be the closest residential road to the runaway.

I recently listened to one of the directors of RSP Tony Freudmann on BBC Radio Kent being interviewed by Julia George on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019, and I still do not like what he had to say one bit regarding their plans. He quoted that there will be 'No Scheduled Departures' between 2300 - 0600 hundred hours, he clearly quoted that they will accept late arrivals, and gave an example of a passenger plane being delayed in Palma airport and that they would accept the flight in as the passengers would have to get back to Thanet. When pressed by the presenter about it not being a passenger airport and that we are talking about cargo, he gave another flimsy example about accepting an aircraft with perishable goods in, if it left an African airport late. What I take from what Tony Freudmann stated is that any plane will be accepted into Manston no matter what time of night it is - that's not acceptable! I find it very strange that Tony Freudmann initially gave a response to the question asked of him regarding a 'passenger' flight, when the airport that he so desires is meant to be a freight Cargo Hub, why reply regarding 'passenger'? I can only assume that he is trying to cover up the fact that loud, dirty cargo planes will be flying in throughout the night (and day) over Ramsgate and Herne Bay.

I was completely speechless with what Dr Beau Webber of the Save Manston Airport Association had to say on the same radio program. When asked by the presenter about the environmental impact, noise, traffic and the air quality that people are going to have to live with, his response was that in the 5 years since Manston has closed planes have got much much quieter and environmentally friendly, and that electric planes with hardly any emissions are coming, He obviously couldn't guarantee that is what will fly in and out of Manston! But what I did find completely astounding was his response to the question as to why the people who at the moment are not breathing in the fumes from thousands of aircraft will have to in the future, his reply 'Manston is right on the coast the prevailing winds will blow it right out to sea'! Even the presenter stated 'That's not a reality, you have just dreamt that one up off the top of your head'. This man has built up a large following mainly on facebook to save Manston airport, if this is the kind of information that this group is putting out to the public it is hardly surprising that when speaking to local people who are in support of this Airport, it seems pretty clear to me that many of them just want their airport back, they don't seem to realise that what is being proposed is not the little old nostalgic Manston Airport that we had in the past!

I have always kept up with Riveroak's and Stonehill Park's plans for the airport site, as I live so close to it, so I assumed that most residents have done the same but clearly this is not the case. Many residents in my area just don't want houses built on the site, they seem to think that now RSP have bought this site from Stonehill Park that these houses will not be built in the area and that we will have some nice little passenger planes flying throughout the day, with the added bonus of RSP giving them £10,000! I have found many people's views completely staggering but hardly surprising if they are listening to the likes of the RSP spokes-people, Dr Beau Webber and the other Save Manston Airport Groups, and their misleading responses of the kind outlined above. When I have pointed out its not going to be the airport that we all knew and loved, it will be a huge dirty, air polluting, house trembling cargo freight hub with between 5-8 flights every hour, from 6am to 11pm, with late arrivals throughout the night, and that if RSP give you £10,000 its not to have a lovely holiday or new car, it's to compensate you and to insulate your home for the

unhealthy life that they are going to inflict on you and your family, from the air that we have to breathe, not being able to sit out in your gardens, having doors and windows closed 365 days a year, damage to your property from the constant vibrations that their business will bring to us, many local residents really don't seem to have a clue what RSP's plans are!

No amount of money that this company can give me will ever be enough for the downside to my life, the air pollution and especially the environmental impact that this will have on our area. As to why so many people have not got a clear picture as to what RSP are planning for its Cargo Hub airport, this can surely only be down to a lack of information that obviously has not been put out clearly enough to the public, which is absolutely disgusting behaviour from RSP, who when questioned normally initially answer with a 'passenger' related answer, seemingly to hide the horrendous truth as to it becoming a Cargo Hub and seemingly to keep the local people on side with the false hopes that they will be able to fly from there!

I've just read through the RSP Manston Airport 2017 Consultation Overview report that was sent to my home, we are 2 years on from them publishing it and the difference within the report to what RSP are now saying is staggering. On page 8 they state by year 20 there will be 4200 people employed directly at the airport site. Tony Freudmann stated on the radio on the 4<sup>th</sup> July that 8000 people would be employed at the airport on a shift pattern over 24 hours by year 20, where did the extra 3800 jobs come from?!

In the FAQ's of said Overview Report, question 2:- What will be the airport's normal operating hours be? Answer - Passenger flights would be daytime only, 0700-2300 but with exceptions during a 'shoulder' period from 0600 to 0700 for certain passenger flights departing to Europe or arriving from the United States. Why are they talking about passenger flights when they are opening up a Freight Cargo Hub? Tony Freudmann stated on the radio airport hours from 0600 - 2300, so the 'shoulder' period only covers passenger flights no mentioned at all regarding freight, how strange when it's a freight airport, its becoming very clear how many local people aren't clearly aware of this freight airport when all they are hearing and reading is regarding passenger flights!

Question 13:- How many flights a day do you expect to operate from Manston Airport? Answer - By year 20 we envisage the airport handling a little over 26,000 a year which equates to between four and six flights an hour during normal operating hours. It has now been stated up to 5 flights an hour, which will increase to 8 flights an hour. Why do the figures that RSP quote keep changing, they seem to be just pulling figures from the air! Mine, my family and local residents' futures look pretty bleak if this joke of a cargo hub airport proposal comes to fruition, we need to make sure that we fall asleep at 11.00pm on the dot, and pray that there won't be late flights due in that night, so hopefully when the airport opens at 6am the following morning we would at least have gotten 7 hours sleep and that will be a good night, which is not what the Sleep Council recommends, it has been proved by many that broken and irregular sleep patterns are bad for your health, so why does this company feel that it can risk our health, happiness and quality of life so that they can profit.

RSP have admitted that their plans for Manston Airport will have 'significant adverse effect' and 'perceived change in quality of life' for local residents, wild life and the environment, and yet they obviously don't care about any of it! I hope that you do care, because someone needs to before it's too late.

As I live so close to the end of the runaway, not only will I, my family and many other residents who live at the top of Cliffsend (as well as other surrounding areas) suffer the adverse effects of this Cargo Hub, being sleep deprived, breathing in aviation fumes all day from the first plane until the last, breathing lorry emissions, and hearing excess noise. Even Tony Freudmann stated on the radio that 'Departure aircraft make twice as much noise as arriving aircraft', from past experience I have witnessed time and time again dirty cargo planes sitting on the runway (a stone throw from the end of my garden) for up to 10-20 minutes with engines running before full throttle, before flying out westwards (the path

for 70% of all flights), so not only will I smell, breathe and hear the adverse effects to my health, my property will be constantly shaking and rattling around me all day!

The reality is that my life and the lives of thousands of other local residents and wildlife, and the effects to the environment will be horrendous and Thanet's future looks very unhealthy and very bleak, all because an American Company registered in Belize, headed up by a struck off solicitor wants to make money and doesn't care who (or what) gets in their way to achieve this goal.

Kindest regards

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