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I write further to my e-mail dated 5 July 2019 regarding the Manston Airport DCO with reference to the Applicant's Answers to Fourth Written Questions dated 29/06/19 (TR020002/D9/FWO Examination Document).

At 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.

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.

As I noted in my previous e-mail, under the old airport operator, "late-arriving" aircraft were not an uncommon occurrence, and enquiries about why the aircraft were late were treated with contempt, with no proper response being given. With no effective oversight, this loophole can allow the airport operator to allow night-flights by subterfuge.

This has the potential to be extremely damaging to residents' health, well-being and the local economy. It is completely and utterly unacceptable.

I therefore wish object to the Examining Authority allowing the Applicant's suggestion at 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.

Best wishes, Andy Ball

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