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STATEMENT OF HUGE CONCERN

Dear Planning Inspectorate department,

I have grave concerns about the ongoing Manston Airport DCO.

Throughout this whole long-running saga, the Applicant's proposals have continued to lack transparency and the residents of Thanet have never been given robust and genuine clarification about the worrying issue of night flights and noise contours.

I wish to declare my vehement objection 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. I make specific reference to the Applicant's answers contained in the Fourth Written Questions document dated 29/06/19 (TR020002/D9/FWQ Examination Document).

Under the heading Quota Count Night Time, at **Ns 4.10**, 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.

The Applicant's response is typically misleading and ambiguous and if the Examining Authority allows this to happen, the residents of Thanet will be exposed to unlimited flights throughout the night. This clause effectively exempts the Applicant from any restrictions on night flights; the so-called "late" arrivals would therefore be allowed 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 and the Applicant has consistently said to the public that it does not need night flights and that there will be no night flights.

This is completely and utterly unacceptable and has the potential to be extremely damaging to the health and well-being of local residents and would be hugely detrimental to the local economy. So it must be made clear in the Noise Mitigation Plan and in the draft DCO that there should be **no flights, scheduled, chartered, or otherwise labelled, late or on time, between 2300 and 0700.**

Yours sincerely

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