

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Manston Airport](#)  
**Subject:** RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited application to re-open Manston Airport  
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Dear Sir/Madam

My name is Mike Collins and I run a residential recording studio in Ramsgate, Kent. The address of the business is [REDACTED], Ramsgate, [REDACTED] and falls, I believe, just outside the RSP compensation area of 63dB. I understand there is a petition to try and get the compensation area increased to match that of other airports, but I imagine this being resisted!

### **Brief Background**

Since our opening in April 2014, the business has grown steadily working alongside artists including (Mercury Nominated) 'Slow Thai', Dutch Indie Rockers 'Pip Blom' (Rough Trade Album of the Year) & an array of Pop, Classical and Jazz artists.

In most cases, this is work that would have otherwise taken place outside of Thanet due to lack of a facility such as ours. We contribute to the local economy through use of local amenities including hotels, shops, restaurants and bars and, moreover, believe that the redevelopment in Thanet is being helped by the creative businesses such as ours.

We know that we're microscopic in comparison to RSP (£30m just in the planning and acquisition of Manston), but we still exist and still make a difference!

### **Our Issue**

I've been looking through the literature relating to this and am struggling to find accurate figures relating to noise pollution to find out how this might impact my business. The appendices in Link 1 below put noise pollution over our area at 80-95dB, whereas the RSP Overall Summary (Link 2) put the figure at 53dB. Do you have any way of telling what figures are correct? What happens if the airport re-opens and the noise pollution regularly exceeds 53dB?

We have taken steps to sound proof our property, of course, but with such a big difference in the figures, it's impossible for us to tell whether we will be able to continue trading as a commercial recording studio or not; something which will have a huge impact on our lives and the community we are a part of.

I would like to ask you, the planning inspectorate, to verify some of the noise pollution levels and send these to me please. I would also like to know what our options are should RSP be in breach of these noise pollution levels.

It probably won't surprise you to hear that I am opposed to the re-opening of Manston and haven't given up hope of it remaining closed, but if it is going to happen I'd like to know some accurate figures in detail so that we can start to make plans.

Thanks for your time reading this email

Best Wishes,

Link 1: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR020002/TR020002-Advice-00045-1-TDC%20-%20letter%20re%20RSP%20stat%20consultation%20April%202017%20-%20Copy.pdf>

Link 2: [Applicant's Overall Summary of Case FINAL | RSP](#)

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Mike Collins

