

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Manston Airport](#); [grant.shapps@dft.gov.uk](mailto:grant.shapps@dft.gov.uk); [caroline.lucas.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:caroline.lucas.mp@parliament.uk); [info@andymcdonaldmp.org](mailto:info@andymcdonaldmp.org)  
**Subject:** Manston  
**Date:** 30 January 2020 23:00:41

---

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps  
The Secretary of State for  
Transport Department of  
Transport Zone 1/18 Great  
Minister House 33 Horseferry  
Road London SW1P 4DR

30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Sir

**Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited (“the applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent Request for comments and further information** I am writing to object to the proposed cargo hub at Manston. I am a teacher in the local areas and extremely concerned about the noise pollution, in addition to broken sleep, air pollution from both the planes and the additional vehicle traffic. There are several schools in the area that would be affected and you can't soundproof or pollution proof a school playing field. There is a climate emergency, and I think we should be reducing aviation, especially cargo type planes, not increasing it. Surely, it is far more carbon efficient that if you have to fly cargo, you put it in the hold of a passenger plane and you use the infrastructure that already exists at Heathrow, Stansted or Gatwick. It seems ridiculous to me that cargo would be driven passed these three airports and then to Thanet, which is so out on a limb, surrounded by almost 270 degrees of sea. It is hardly a central location easily accessible from multiple directions. There is just one road in and the same road out. Its a dead end. It makes no sense. Also, surely, if this country needs more air cargo capacity, it needs that to help the regeneration of the North where Boris Johnson has made so many regeneration commitments. Not over a developing and much improved tourist resort like Ramsgate. This will seriously damage the tourist industry here and regeneration that has happened to date. Surely it would be better to be in the Northern regions, opening up more opportunities there and linked to HRS2 if that goes ahead, which it looks like it will.

The children in this area need all the help they can get to get proper educations. The school nearest Manston - Harbour Academy has just recently made so many steps forward with an improved Ofsted, pulling itself out of special measure, but even still the average achievement of school leavers is one of the worst in the country. Please don't throw that progress away and disadvantage these children anymore with air and noise pollution and disrupted sleep. Its not necessary, it is not the most effective or efficient option for tthe UK I doubt it is financially feasible and it would be counterproductive to any progress that has recently been made in this region.

We also really need a lot of new houses in this area and Manston would be a perfect brownfield site for this rather than building on prime green field farm land.

Thank you for reading this

Yours faithfully

Ceri Diffley.