

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps  
The Secretary of State for Transport  
Department of Transport  
Zone 1/18 Great Minister House  
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Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited for an Order granting  
Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston  
Airport in Kent

PINS Ref: TR020002

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as a resident on the Nethercourt Estate in Ramsgate to strenuously to oppose the application for a DCO on the former RAF base. For this application to have got this far is basically an insult and a total lack of care and consideration for the people that will have to suffer it daily. The former airport is situated in a densely populated area and if there were ever an accident the result would be catastrophic.

I oppose this on the following grounds

- 1) Health: and the effect that this will have on the local population not least on our children. How can it be possible that this can be even considered when there is so much at stake not only for us but also our environment, which your government has put at the top of its agenda.
- 2) Pollution: The levels of pollution (CO2 Levels) will be huge and the long-term damage that this will cause will be immense.
- 3) Noise Pollution and its long lasting damages
- 4) Mental Health not just on adults and older people but once again on children.
- 5) The fitness of the applicant: There have been many concerns over RSP mainly financial and more importantly their suitability to run such an operation.

6) Infrastructure: Or the lack of it this part of Thanet suffers greatly from poor planning on our roads and I am at a loss as to how and airport cargo hub will improve on this.

7) Tourism: What tourist wants to bring their children to an area where planes are emitting harmful CO2 emissions on a daily basis?

Finally the submissions of the Five10Twelve report further confirm that a DCO for this applicant if successful would not benefit Ramsgate in any way in fact it would only destroy the area. And I ask the Secretary of State and the Department of Transport to take on board the substantial evidence that has been submitted and to put people first.

Yours Sincerely,  
Frank & Yvonne McNamara  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2020