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Dear Sir

Re PINS Ref TR020002

I have grave concerns about the ongoing Manston Airport DCO.

Throughout this whole long-running saga, the Applicant's proposals have lacked transparency and the residents of Thanet have **NEVER** been given robust and genuine clarification about the true impact of night flights and noise contours.

The highly technical documents offered by RSP have been deliberately obstructive to any clear and honest understanding of the plans and the Applicant's business plan has fallen short from the outset; it is clear that Manston will never be viable as a commercial aviation venture.

I object to the proposals and the damaging and intrusive impact of pollution from noise and fuel with no set limit on night flights. The RSP has, to date, failed to provide clear and sufficient current data relating to the actual proposed impact on health and wellbeing for Thanet residents.

With climate change at the top of the Conservative party agenda, it is inconceivable to consider the opening of a cargo hub on the Eastern coast of Kent with just one access road to the area. Such proposals should not be considered at a time when pollution reduction is paramount notwithstanding the irreparable damage to tourism, wildlife and public health.

South Thanet is also home to designated nature reserves (Pegwell Bay and Monkton). RSP has failed to deliver adequate information about the impact of aircraft noise, vibrations and air pollution on the local wildlife. I have bats (protected species) living at the end of my garden. The airport proposals do not detail any assessment of environmental impact beyond a kilometre of the airport and I would like to see a more detailed assessment of the impact for the whole of South Thanet.

I have found the commercial evidence to support the reopening of the airport ultimately unsatisfactory and inadequate and lacking concrete and substantiated details about how the proposals will be funded.

To this deprived corner of Kent the promise of projected employment reaching 30,000 jobs is a seductive and impressive statistic, but NO satisfactory financial business case has actually been able to adequately clarify HOW and WHERE these jobs will be created. In addition, evidence of the commercial viability of this venture has been scant. Forecasts of air freight demand and profit margins need further proof to be at all believable.

Should a cargo hub be allowed to operate out of Thanet, I feel it will have a devastating impact on coastal tourism which is "now worth £8 billion to the economy". I remain unconvinced that the airport will provide the regeneration and jobs that are promised and this is compounded by the continued mixed reports and misinformation about the actual proposed use for the site and the repeated historical failure of the site for commercial aviation use.

Ramsgate is a heritage town of national historical importance with the only Royal harbour in the UK. It has the greatest concentration of heritage buildings from the

Regency period anywhere in the UK many of which are listed and four conservation areas. It also boasts stunning unspoilt sandy coastlines which attract thousands of visitors every year. Tourism in Thanet was worth over £293 million in 2017. Tourism is growing rapidly in Thanet and nowhere is this more evident than in Margate. Tourism is a valuable source of employment.

I am deeply worried about the effect on our heritage assets and the impact on tourism of the proposed airport development and I am not satisfied that this has been adequately recognised or considered in RSP's proposals. As one of Historic England's Heritage Action Zones, the preservation of Ramsgate is in the national interest and I feel an urgent investigation into the impact of noise and air pollution, vibrations and aesthetic intrusion of cargo aircraft flying over Ramsgate is required.

Yours sincerely

Sally Smart