

Interested Party: Margarita Moscoso, Resident of Ramsgate

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1.	A reminder – The DCO application relates to a strategic necessity in the national interest, this is far from proven.
2.	Applicants have still not been honest with the people of Ramsgate and Herne Bay (the two areas that aircraft would fly over). People still think they are going to get a small airport from which they can fly cheaply to the Continent. Difficult to explain time and again that the proposed Cargo Airport would be 24/7 with permitted night flying. RSP should be making this clear not those of us who are sufficiently clued up on what is being proposed. They cannot argue that their publicity and communications were robust.
3.	Increased lorry traffic on one, or both of roads leading in and out of Thanet, which at times are already dealing with more road haulage traffic than they were designed for. I foresee traffic jams that would impact on Dover.
4.	Pollution. Increase of Carbon footprint at a time when we are all supposed to be reducing it? Increased particulates (usual around airports) leading to a higher mortality rate – what a prospect! Given Thanet District Council's undertaking for Carbon Emergency measures to be in place by 2030 I cannot see how they, as the local authority granting planning applications could even consider this development.
5.	Noise pollution – leading to impact on health both physical and mental. At a time when our local hospital (The Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital) is having to deal with waiting times at A&E acknowledged at the maximum allowed length of time.
6.	Examiners have been running a 'tight ship' with regards to submissions. Why do we now have an 'extension'? Are you perhaps giving RSP a final opportunity to say something sensible and provable to support their case – in which case they have failed so far why would they be able to do so now? Are you perhaps still waiting to see where the money is and/or would come from?
7.	I have been assured that RSP greatly care about the opinion of the people of Ramsgate, to the extent that they are prepared to dig up and realign the runway to minimise the noise over us! Strange that, I always thought that runways needed to be aligned to the prevailing wind.
8.	It is my belief that this protracted, tortuous, drawn out process was intended to wear us down. You are wrong. We are currently saving up our pennies to pay for a judicial review should it be necessary.
9.	I am particularly sad to see Prime Minister Boris Johnson's new, strong government have to deal with the potential fall out of this project. It is wrong on so many fronts that I am amazed you haven't thrown it out already. The last thing he needs is to replicate Theresa May's disastrous preparations for Brexit by creating another Grayling Seaborne fiasco. Even considering allowing an American 'development company' that is accustomed to building houses loose to build a Cargo Airport is not credible.