

Manston Airport Case Team,
National Infrastructure Planning,
The Planning Inspectorate.

Ref: 20013753 and 20013230

Dear Sirs,

We were surprised and shocked when the SoS ignored the advice of the Planning Inspectorate and granted RSP a DCO to reopen Manston Airport which was then postponed due to the Judicial Review. You are now asking for further comments before making your final decision.

I have lived on the seafront of Ramsgate for 30 years and the airport was not a problem, passed over by the RAF to "Wiggins" in 1999, then it became "Planestation" and later "Infratil" the problem started when Old Cargo Planes were flying over, and at night-time it felt like they were flying straight into our houses, very frightening!!! Residents also fought, and won, the banning of night flights.

Now RSP will plan to fly thousands of these planes a year including night flights to make any money – this has been proven not viable by the previous owners who all went into liquidation.

They are saying there will be no flights but in their application for a DCO it clearly states in section 6.8.50 (12.7.40: it is forecast to handle an average of 7 flights on a typical busy night) so are they lying? Roger Gale MP has also said there will no nights flights on TV, this is not sending the right message to residents.

40,000 residents live in Ramsgate and many live very close to Manston (closer than residents of other airports) LOUD, LOW, very low, would be an absolute nightmare for our tourism (which is essential for our economy), schools, whose lessons will be continually disturbed, and the general well being of us all.

Climate change and the Pandemic has also made us all think differently and it has been proved that most Cargo can be transported mainly in passenger aircraft and as we need to reduce flights, to bring down emissions, where do RSP think they are going to get their orders from? They haven't declared where their finance is coming from either.

Manston Airport is in the wrong place, geographically, to ever succeed as a major airport, a smaller aerodrome, such as the Headcorn Aerodrome near Ashford would be the only alternative to keeping it as an airfield.

Ramsgate has applied for £20m from the levelling up funding scheme to help regeneration of this area, which it desperately needs, and if successful DAY AND NIGHT HEAVY LADEN FLIGHTS would stop this from happening.

Your sincerely,

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