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Subject: FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MANSTON AIRPORT CASE TEAM
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Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am writing to express my utmost concern at the prospect of Manston Airport being re-opened on the basis that the area of Thanet 'needs' a new freight hub.

A freight hub here with 70 flights every day and no actual ban on night flights is the very last thing this area needs. Tourism has been building here slowly in this deprived area of Kent steadily over the last decade, moreso since Covid with more British people holidaying at home. We have a new state of the art hotel and flats being built right now on the seafront, people from cities including London moving down and investing in the area by rennovating properties. Whilst we couldn't say the economy here is thriving for everyone just yet, we are on our way. The reopening of this airport will kill all of that stone dead, and those who have moved here and injected money into the economy will move away because the noise and environmental pollution will drive them out. Thanet's seaside towns will no longer be desirable places to visit or live, and all the regeneration monies that have been recently awarded to Ramsgate for example to enhance the maritime interests in the area and exploit the potential for tourism will all be wasted. Why would visitors want to come to a place where conversations will have to stop as we wait for the deafening noise above to cease, 70 times every single day? Where a good nights sleep isnt guaranteed and where the air will be rancid with choking fuel fumes. Why come to Ramsgate when there is tranquil, sweet-aired Whitstable just 22 miles up the road?

Thanet District Council have declared that there is a climate emergency, with pollution a major problem that is affecting all of us. The pollution from the planes will make it so much worse, with incidence of asthma and other respiratory problems rocketing. How much is this going to cost our struggling NHS in the decades ahead? Aside from economic arguments, do the people of Thanet really deserve to have this polluting monstrosity on their doorsteps, poisoning the air we breathe?

The argument that Thanet needs Manston is irrefutably flawed. What is this need for freight that RSP refer to? On what basis does this need exist? Stanstead has expanded, and Southend is doing very well. Why here? Why Manston? The argument for need was poorly made during the last submission from RSP. The estimate of the numbers of local jobs the airport would provide has been vastly exaggerated. What does 'local'

mean? It seems to be the case that 'local' can mean jobs that would benefit people who live way outside of Thanet, and history has shown us that new airports tend to poach ready-trained airport workers from other airports ie Stanstead to avoid the costs of training up local people with no experience.

Thanet needs Manston like a hole in the head. Please don't allow our lives and our economy to be wrecked by something that no-one here needs and few, except those set to profit from it and the handful who cling onto an overly rosy, nostalgic feeling for Manston as it once was, actually want. Let Ramsgate be what it is good at - a thriving seaside community and tourist attraction that is famous for its Royal harbour, its attractive harbour facing quality cafes and restaurants, sailing, live music, arts and culture, its wild, beautiful nature, its rich history and last but not least its fresh air.

Yours,

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