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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE MANSTON AIRPORT CASE TEAM
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Dear Madam, Dear sir,

The re-opening of Manston Airport by RSP would be incompatible with the government's stated objective to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2040.

Fellow residents to whom I have spoken - with the exception of one - do not wish to have noisy and polluting freight aeroplanes landing and taking off approximately every six minutes 24 hours each day. Even half of that would seriously impact people's health. Studies at other European airports indicate that lack of sleep and tension translate into both physical illnesses as well as depression and other mental ailments.

Ramsgate is on the verge of improving its facilities around the town centre thanks to a government grant. There is a real prospect of the town getting back on its feet and attracting new residents and an influx of tourists in the coming years. A freight airport would negate all the efforts which are being made to promote Ramsgate. No-one would like to sit on a terrace with a cappuccino or sunbathe on the beaches with the noise and pollution that such a project would inevitably incur.

There will be no great number of new jobs created by the re-opening of Manston Airport. So much work is processed automatically that only a minimum of manual intervention would be required. Certainly not a factor that would compensate for all the disadvantages.

In addition the roads around Thanet Island only just cope with the traffic that we have today. There are already several housing projects underway which will necessitate improvements to these for residents. The idea of having juggernauts filling up the limited space available will only cause more congestion.

In brief, there are so many sensible and social arguments against RSP's plans and so few to recommend them that it almost seems if simple common sense prevails, Manston Airport will remain closed to the benefit of both Ramsgate town and Ramsgate residents. Please, kindly take this into account when making your choice.

Yours faithfully,

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