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Hello

[REDACTED] I would like to comment on two of the matters raised in the Department of Transport's letter of 11 June 2021

1) whether the quantitative need for the Development has been affected by any changes since 9 July 2019, and if so, a description of any such changes and the impacts on the level of need from those changes (such as, but not limited to, changes in demand for air freight, changes of capacity at other airports, locational requirements for air freight and the effects of Brexit and/or Covid)

The Examining authority's report came to the conclusion that the applicant had failed to establish sufficient need to justify a DCO being granted. In my opinion that was the correct conclusion.

Nothing has happened since July 2019 that is likely to increase the need for a nationally significant airport at Manston .

But since July 2019 the Covid crisis has demonstrated that there is less need for airports generally , and the vast unused capacity at established airports makes it even less likely that Manston will be needed to cover any gaps in the existing capacity .

2) any other matters arising since 9 July 2019 which Interested Parties consider are material for the Secretary of State to take into account in his re-determination of the application.

Relevant factors are

The need for measures to reduce the effect of climate change have become even clearer – and the need for the UK government to take proactive steps more urgent.

The UK Government has been rightly accused of not taking the measures necessary to follow up on its statements of intention to act .

Granting the DCO would be a step 'backwards ' – not failure to take action to reduce climate change – but a positive step to increase and promote activity which will increase global warming

Ramsgate is bidding for a government funding to help coastal towns regenerate. Ramsgate is likely to get around £20m of such funding .

That money will be wasted if the airport is reopened with the volume of flights proposed by the applicant as the noise and pollution caused by the air traffic will make Ramsgate an undesirable place to visit or to live in.

Conclusion

I strongly urge that the Secretary of State NOT grant the DCO.

There is no need for a nationally significant airport on this site – and if the airport is reopened the harm to Ramsgate will far outweigh any benefits of the reopening

Thank you

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