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Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm disappointed and surprised to have read on the Planning Inspectorate website the document from Susan Anderson at the Transport and Infrastructure Planning Unit 'That the Secretary of State has appointed an independent aviation assessor to advise him on matters relating to the need for the development and to provide a report summarising those findings'. Seems like a case of keep asking until these curiously interested parties get the answer they want, from someone prepared to give it. This is exactly what the government's Examining Authority represented by 4 qualified inspectors who spent 2 years examining all evidence 'for and against' the development proposed by RSP looked into, resulting in a comprehensive 1097 page report. Why are we going round in circles wasting more tax payers' money, to the detriment of people like me who effectively have our lives on hold because our future plans cannot proceed until the nightmare spectre of this ridiculous, filthy, unviable cargo hub is finally quashed. When will common sense and decency prevail!

ExA report page 114 states 'ExA concludes that the levels of freight that the Proposed Development could expect to handle are modest and could be catered for at existing airports (Heathrow, Stansted, EMA, and others if the demand existed). The ExA considers that Manston appears to offer no obvious advantages to outweigh the strong competition that such airports offer. The ExA therefore concludes that the Applicant has failed to demonstrate sufficient need for the Proposed Development, additional to (or different from) the need which is met by the provision of existing airports'. So as of 2019 the ExA did not see a need for RSP's development, and this most certainly continues to be the case given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our aviation industry.

Page 3 'The Examining Authority recommends that the Secretary of State should not grant development consent'. Yet the Transport Minister Andrew Stephenson took no notice of the government's own planning experts and decided to grant permission - this is disgraceful. I fail to see the point in the ExA work if their conclusions were simply to be disregarded. The government would not stand up in the High Court to explain their reasons as to why the DCO was granted and have paid costs, again wasting more tax payers' money.

It would appear that the Conservative Party is not taking climate change as seriously as they would have the world believe. All the great things promised during the recent G7 meetings in Cornwall and yet this government is seemingly intent on opening a cargo hub which flies in the face of common sense, decency and respect for local citizens. The serious and devastating effect on the environment and the health of locals is being disregarded by those who do not need to directly live with the consequences of their highly questionable decisions.

Stop looking for ways to progress this ludicrous business plan, stop wasting tax payers' money, do the right thing for the citizens of Thanet and say NO to this DCO.

Regards,  
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