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To the manston airport case team,

As an interested party I would like to record my strong objections to the proposed cargo hub at the disused manston airport. Having read the comprehensive report from the initial inspectorate it is very clear that there is no need for this cargo hub and it shocks me it is even being discussed again.

There was no need for it prior to the pandemic and this pandemic has put everything under a magnifying glass and there is even less need now. The levels of demand for freight could comfortably be catered for at existing airports so there is no need for a new one to be built. Manston doesn't offer any advantage over the existing airports so seems very much like a vanity project at the expense of our environment.

I am proud to live in Ramsgate and can see a real buzz around the area, particularly post pandemic as people are exploring the country more and realising what a gem the place is. Having aircraft flying overhead at the regular rate polluting the air will ruin all the good that is currently happening and force people to leave. There is a property boom and new businesses popping up who are investing in what is already a run down high street. This would have such a detrimental effect on the area. Thanet District Council declared a climate emergency (unanimously voting to be carbon neutral by 2030) and this flies in the face of that. Approving the planning for this polluting cargo hub would have a material impact on our ability to meet our carbon reduction targets.

Thanet has some incredible nature reserves that are home to animal species needed to maintain the balance of our eco system, the Seals in Sandwich to name just one. The sprinkling of exhaust particles and noise will certainly disrupt this.

Ramsgate has a really rich history and many buildings of architectural merit. There are listed buildings in Ramsgate that are historically significant and can't be soundproofed. Not to mention the potential structural damage low flying aircraft of this scale could have.

Our population here has been plagued with ill health outcomes and a comparatively low life expectancy, to build a polluting airport in such

close proximity to and urban area seems to show a real disregard to the health of all those in the vicinity, not to mention the added pressure on our NHS. The link between poor air quality and poor health is growing strong all the time. The government has been urged to radically cut greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft. Research shows that BA 'alone counted for as much carbon dioxide as all the vans on UK Roads' (Times 29/3/21)

Thanet isn't well placed for the places RSP are claiming to wish to supply to make it viable. Other existing airports are much better placed. The trucks needed to transport the fuel for the aircraft will add more strain to our already strained road network.

I also have concerns as to the legitimacy of the proposal. The track record of those in charge of the proposal shows a catalogue of failed attempts. That in itself isn't damning but partnered with the clear lack of need, the lack of clarity in regards to secured funds, the sheer number of flights that would be needed to make this profitable it is dubious at best. There have already been a number of false claims, for instance -the number of jobs initially predicted is already being scaled down and is clearly wildly off the numbers it would actually be. If this is clear to see for a lay person it calls into question all the other claims being made.

It terms of what has changed since the initial planning, I can see that it was refused by the independent planning inspectorate and then the JR so why this is still up for debate is baffling.

In summary, there is no need whatsoever for this vanity project, any need can comfortably be met by pre existing airports better positioned in every way to serve the demand. The damage it will do for the local area and it's inhabitants not to mention our impact on the climate emergency could be irreversible.

As a father of 2 children whose school would be hugely impacted by this along with thousands of others children who would have to move because of the potential harm it could do to their health. The thought of this is truly frightening and the potential impact it would have on the health of young children alongside all the other reasons that this really needs to be squashed so people can live and continue to invest in the area with confidence.

Yours sincerely,
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