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

I am writing to express my concern about Manston Airport being re-opened based on Thanet 'needs' a new freight hub.

A freight hub here with 70 flights every day and no actual ban on night flights isn't what the area needs. Tourism has been building here slowly in this deprived area of Kent steadily over the last decade. 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 renovating properties. 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 and listen to 70 flights a day ? You do notice them - I have lived under flight paths.

Thanet District Council have declared that they agree there is a climate emergency, with pollution a major problem that is affecting all of us. The pollution from the planes in Ramsgate will make pollution so much worse and affect residents' health

The argument that Thanet needs Manston is 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? Are there really going to be jobs for our locals or will there be a deployment of already trained staff from other airports ?

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.

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