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Dear Secretary of State

I write to you as a resident of Ramsgate and an interested party as you redetermine RSP's application to develop the former airfield at Manston into a freight hub.

I understand you would like interested parties to provide why there should be a need for Manston Airport. I doubt very much that you really need convincing that there is a need for Manston Airport. There never was a need and even less so now. I suspect you are being pressurised by the likes of Sir Roger Gale who seems to have an unhealthy obsession with Manston and an unprofessional stance where he says he is proud to be known as the MP for RiverOak (as RSP was). He prefers to act first for this private company rather than his constituents or the people of Thanet who will be undeniably badly affected with health, wellbeing and lifestyle if you should allow the DCO to go ahead. Sir Roger has a close friendship with the Tony Freudmann of RSP, the man with a shady background and who has been in the aviation industry for some 30 years but has not had one success in this field.

Sir Roger Gale will often 'appear' on local radio stations declaring the wonders that Manston will bring to Thanet, none of which are true. He brings division between the towns and won't correspond in any way to any Ramsgate resident who is against the reopening of Manston. He never puts himself in a position where he can be publicly contradicted.

Sir Roger's latest boast that Manston will be the greenest airport ever glosses over the fact that any plane landing or taking off from Manston will be far from 'green'. In fact, those planes used by most cargo operators can be 20 years old and more! Sir Roger will then talk about the latest aviation technology for planes to cut emissions but this technology won't be used for cargo planes for decades as he well knows.

I understand that Tony Freudmann's latest ploy (but not in the DCO) is that he says he wants to use hydrogen powered barges to take containers! No one is pointing out that this makes no sense whatsoever. Planes have palletised loads so who is going to double handle the goods? Ramsgate isn't constructed to handle an alongside quay and there is no facilities to load containers. 747s have a load of 95-100 tonnes dependent on volume. They will be on pallets which need loading into empty containers. They then either are taken down the Thanet Way or down to a port not constructed for containers and then punted down to London Port who then empty containers and drive them back up to Manston either by barge or truck. This is pure fantasy but Freudmann always makes nonsense sound plausible and many people are taken in by him.

I will finish here with a note about the 'need' for Manston. As I've said before there never was a need and never will be. There are better people than me who can contradict RSP claims on every point so I will just add that there will never be a need for Manston as geographically it is simply in the wrong place and that will never alter and it will therefore never be viable.

Finally I can do no better than to quote the four senior and very experienced

Planning Inspectors from the conclusion they made about the need for Manston:

'Given all the above evidence, the 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.'

Yours sincerely

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