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Good day,

I live in Ramsgate [REDACTED]

I remember cargo planes flying over Ramsgate to land at Manston. They flew so low over the town, they set off car and house alarms with the noise and vibrations through the air.

They flew directly over the most densely residential area of the town.

My father was a Police Sergeant in Ramsgate in the 1980's. He took part in an Incident Drill scenario assuming a large aircraft crash landed in the town. It was very quickly apparent that the disaster would overwhelm the emergency services. This was at a time when Thanet still had 3 or 4 hospitals. Now there is one. This alone should prevent permission for a busy cargo hub to go ahead.

There are reports suggesting 5 to 6 flights per hour between 06:00 and 23:59. The noise from such a number of flights would severely affect the mental health of all Ramsgate residents and cause extreme harm to the education of all children in Ramsgate schools from noise interruption.

Emissions pollution would mean Thanet being covered in a blanket of noxious fumes almost constantly. The fumes would be breathed by every living thing (humans, animals, plants). Thanet has considerable agriculture. This would also be polluted by such a volume of air traffic.

Thanet is attempting to reinvigorate it's tourism. There is significant credible worry that a cargo hub would destroy many people's livelihoods dependent on tourism.

There is and will be significant room for any additional air freight at more central airports for many years to come, making reopening Manston as an air freight hub obsolete.

The Transport Secretary should be focussing on revitalising Ramsgate Port instead of Manston Airport. There would be little or no noise pollution. Air pollution would also be less. One ship can carry the same tonnage of cargo as many aircraft. Ramsgate Port can take pressure away from Dover whenever needed.

Regards,
David Cornelius.