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To Whom it May Concern,

I have been living in Ramsgate [REDACTED] for the last five and a half years. It is a very special and beautiful town with hundreds of grade two listed buildings a wonderful community of locals and new families moving here from London and further afield every week.

I live right under the old flight path for Manston Airport and I've been told by several neighbours here that the planes were intolerable. They flew so low you could read the numbers on the under belly as they flew over. The noise was unbearably loud and the planes flew day and night.

I'm writing to ask the government to reconsider their decision to reopen the airport. Their decision contravened the Paris Accord and goes against the targets that government have recently announced to slash emissions by 78% by 2035. It goes without saying it won't only be the fumes from the aircrafts that will cause pollution and contribute to global warming but also the fumes from the hundreds of lorries needed to carry freight off the planes through our town or through anywhere for that matter. This is NOT a green solution.

I'm a composer and I've recently built my studio in the top of my house. I and several other musicians who have studios and two professional working studios - [REDACTED] will not be able to operate...even with the best sound proofing one cannot prevent plane vibrations and noise from destroying recordings. Bands, orchestras and the like will simply choose to go to other towns and cities to make their recordings. It will be catastrophic for the recording industry here in Ramsgate. Grant Schapps has offered sound proofing for houses I believe but as a professional engineer I can assure him that no sound proofing has been invented that can combat the vibrations and noise from a plane flying just a few hundred metres above your recording studio. Margate is known for its artists and Ramsgate is known for its musicians... can we keep it that way please?

I ask Grant Schapps to reconsider his decision and try and see this from our position. We have recently been affected by the sewage dumped in our seas which has prevented local people and tourists from swimming in the sea for the last few weeks and now we face the prospect of noise and air pollution above us and heavily congested roads full of lorries all around us.

I hope you will consider my words.

Kind regards,

Donna Gordon.

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