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Dear Sirs,

I am a national print journalist living and working in Ramsgate, and I talk to a lot of people locally both those born here and those who have arrived from outside the area. I have yet to meet one single person who is pro Manston. This area is finally thriving again after decades of being run down, and tourism has been picking up post Covid with the new sea-facing apartments and the hotel, the cafe society atmosphere and so many artists and musicians moving here. All of this has injected a new lease of life into Ramsgate, and everyone who lives here is grateful for it. The very last thing this area needs is a cargo hub, as the noise and pollution would kill the newly thriving tourism stone dead. Who would want to come here with planes flying low overhead all day long, not just making conversation impossible but thwarting any hopes of rest and relaxation and breathing in the fresh sea air, which is why people come. It is why they have always come.

We are constantly told by pro airport people that this area needs jobs, and they aren't wrong. But the numbers of jobs they talk about are vastly inflated, surely more in line with a passenger airport and all that would involve, ie shops, security and so on. People here are being lied to about the promise of huge numbers of jobs. What about all the jobs that will be lost when the hotels, cafes and restaurants' takings go down as people up sticks to Whitstable for instance in search of some peace and quiet?

This area does not need a cargo hub, and Cop26 has shown us just how dangerous increased air travel is going to be for us all. Please reconsider and do now allow Manston to open as a cargo hub and allow Ramsgate to be what it is good at - a tranquil seaside town enriched by its history and culture with a unique royal harbour at its beating heart. All of those who have moved here and invested in this area in recent years will leave - there is no doubt about this. Is this what Ramsgate needs or wants? It will become a dirty, noisy polluted little town no-one will want to come to and all the inward investment of recent years will have been for nothing.

Best wishes,

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