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For the attention of: The Manston Airport Case Team
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: DCO consent order for the former Manston Airport, Thanet, Kent - 11/11/2021

It is bewildering to find oneself, seven years after it closed due to lack of business, having to once again to object to the reopening of the former airport at Manston.

Not only has the business model for small regional airports greatly changed in the past seven years, but the whole question of climate change and impending environmental breakdown, has proved not to be some misconception by climatic scientists. It is in fact a disturbingly real argument against the future of air transportation, especially in regard to shipping low value freight around the world.

The very dubious business plan of Riveroak Strategic Partnership (RSP), the developers behind the current airport scheme, is to say the least, greatly flawed and hopelessly out of date. The events at COP26 in Glasgow this November and the message put out by HM Government is certainly at variance with the plans of companies like RSP. If the public statements of H M Government are to be taken at face value, then it is against all logical reason that permission could be granted to RSP or anyone to reopen this airport.

In addition to the nonsense of transporting low value freight by air, – please note that with very few exceptions, high value freight comes in the hold of passenger flights, – the location of the airport away from major centres of population can only mean that there will be a substantial increase in road freight to and from the airport. Further adding to environmental pollution made by the aircraft taking off and landing.

If HM Government is serious about protecting towns like Ramsgate, already under threat from rising sea levels, and with its suburbs situated less than 1.5 kilometres from the airport runway, they must demonstrate publicly that their words at COP26 are in fact genuine and not mere green washing. As a local resident of many years, I am horrified by the political interference in the decisions of the Planning Executive and the attempts to discredit the latest detailed report by Ove Arup which clearly states the airport is not required.

Yours sincerely

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