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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: Proposed reopening of Manston Airport by RiverOak Strategic Partners (TR020002)
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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Proposed reopening of Manston Airport by RiverOak Strategic Partners (TR020002)

I am writing as a resident of Ramsgate regarding the above application.

I am extremely concerned about this application and as a resident I strongly object to their proposals on the following counts:

I believe that there will be significant environmental impact to the town of Ramsgate with the number of flights proposed. Ramsgate is an historic town with the more Listed Buildings than the City of Bath, it has a royal harbour and close by is Pegwell Bay a SSSI & Nature Reserve. At no point during the years that RSP has tried to gain consent has any adequate information about how to deal with the above been supplied by RSP.

Furthermore in view of the recent significant climate changes currently being highlighted at COP26 it is inexcusable to even contemplate a new airport let alone one which has historically failed every time it has been opened. Why add additional environmental blight for no gain?

Indeed not only has the government's own assessors ExA ruled the airport not viable but now have the government's independent assessors Arup Associates as well as York Aviation, Avia Solutions, Falcon, Alan Stratford Associates, Altitude and KCC.

Maybe now is the time to start listening to the experts as well as the many many local residents who do not believe this airport is of the national importance as required by a DCO.

DCO - the means of obtaining permission for developments categorised as Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP).

There will also be a significant sound impact to the town of Ramsgate by the planes flying low and particularly to those of us who live close or below the proposed flight paths. Whilst it has been said we can double glaze our houses (Not permissible if a Listed property) we cannot double glaze our gardens nor the beaches & harbour of the town. Furthermore the possibility of night flights is extremely worrying.

Manston is not geographically a suitable place to place a cargo hub as not only is it on the coast and a long way from London but it is on the complete wrong side of the capital and the rest of the country which presumably it is to serve.

There is a limited road infrastructure to support the heavy goods vehicles which would be required to support such a huge cargo hub and it was interesting to note that at the RSP consultation no vehicles were shown on their models or maps. The increase in HGV's on our roads would further impact both noise & diesel pollution. Diesel pollution (particulates) being potentially the most dangerous to the health of all of us & our local environment.

RSP has never provided enough evidence to show that there is demand for this proposal nor that the jobs that this freight airport would provide would be sufficient to make up for the lost jobs in our burgeoning tourist industry.

Manston airport has repeatedly failed to succeed as a competitive airport and this was most recently proven with the last failure by the venture run by Ann Gloag. The airport has consistently lost its owners money (£100m in the past 15+ years) so one can only therefore question RSP proposals/motives.

It is also to be noted that RSP consistently failed to let local residents know of their proposals. This is sloppy

at best and suspect at worse. As I am under the impression my home would be directly affected by the flight paths this is disgraceful and leaves me feeling that as a local resident they do not care to solicit my opinion.

Ramsgate is a beautiful town if a little jaded from many years of neglect, lack of investment and care, however with the many new businesses starting up and thriving as a result of the local community it is currently finally starting to buzz.

We have many opportunities to build on that with the HAZ grants & Levelling Up Grants & it is no wonder that it was recently voted the most popular town for Londoners to move to by the sea.

There is much optimism and energy in the town despite the constant threat of Manston and a large community who do not feel it will benefit the town or it's population.

For RSP to propose a DCO application I believe they have to prove that this is of such national importance that it would supersede the need to build housing & the need to save the planet - surely known as the top priorities for both government & opposition.

I cannot see from any of the information provided by RSP that there is enough evidence that the country requires Manston to be an air freight hub let alone merit the damage it would cause to this town and it's residents & I repeat this has now been confirmed by the examining bodies & consultants already listed

Kind regards

Gabriel Holland & on behalf of Alan Suter

