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Dear Sir / Madam,

As a Ramsgate resident living directly under the flight path, I would ask you, please, to take the advice of the specialist reports on this matter and reject the application. Both the ExA and the subsequent independent assessment have reached the same conclusion: there is no need for the proposed development of Manston as a freight hub, both in 2019, and there have been no material developments to change that recommendation now.

I remember the disruptive noise levels when the previous airport was operating and the mental and physical health impacts that inflicted.

Other grounds have emerged to oppose the development:

- There is no evidence of need
- The airport is poorly and inefficiently sited at the South East tip of England for onward distribution
- The road links from Manston to the London / M25 / rest of the country are already busy, particularly with the Port of Dover / Operation Stack traffic and this will increase congestion and pollution
- There is no evidence that there will be a significant employment benefit to the local community, particularly with the decrease in freight traffic post-Covid.
- The noise and pollution and traffic will destroy the current regeneration of the town of Ramsgate and Thanet in general. Many livelihoods from tourist activities will be damaged by the noise and nuisance
- Climate action and carbon reduction requires us to reduce our dependence on air transport
- There is existing capacity at other airports (Stansted, East Midlands) that are much better placed to serve the freight industry and are much better sited in the road distribution network.

Experts have said, twice now, that there is no need for Manston Airport. This advice should be followed and acted upon; the site has a number of alternative, viable, high-employment uses which would serve the needs of the people of Thanet far better.

Yours

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