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Subject: Submission to Planning Inspectorate on the proposed Manston Airport Expansion
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Dear Sir,

Impact of Project

A project with such an impact on a large area and a large number of people must be viewed in the widest context, taking into account that there are many more stakeholders in addition to the company and its prospective customers. Areas and people under the flight paths will be profoundly and disastrously affected by noise and other pollution if this project goes ahead.

Official and Independent Professional bodies advise against approval

The Examining Authority, comprising 4 planning inspectors, concluded that

The airport developer had: "failed to demonstrate sufficient need for the Proposed Development."

And:

The EA concluded that 'on balance the benefits of this proposal would not outweigh its impacts' and recommended that the Government should NOT grant development consent.

Ramsgate Town Council commissioned a report from an independent aviation expert organisation. This organisation, Stratford's Ltd were given no guiding instructions other than to respond factually to the SoS's questions. The report's conclusions were:

In summary, the changes since 9 July 2021 significantly reduce the quantitative need for the proposed development, whilst substantial adverse impacts, such as its effect on climate change, aircraft noise and the local tourism industry still remain. The PINS Inspector recommended that consent for the DCO should not be granted. We would concur with this view

"9 July 2021" relates to the announcement of new logistics parks mainly in the East Midlands, which would be served by other closer airports.
(The whole document is on the planning inspectorate website under "documents" : "Ramsgate Town Council", dated 30/07/2021)

To conclude, there is no need for an additional airport, and the environmental effects would be disastrous.

Quality of Living in the Flight Paths completely destroyed

I understand that for technical reasons, depending on wind direction, the approach path for landing is 90 % of the time directly over the village of St Nicholas-at-

Wade. We lived there when the passenger service was operating, and during the Summer, when in the garden, conversation had to stop for about 3 to 5 minutes because of the noise from the aircraft, which, late in approach, were at an extremely low level. The noise was unbearable.

At ALL times, the noise was extremely distressing, and ruined our health and well-being.

I understand that freight planes which will operate are so noisy and polluting that they are actually not allowed at Heathrow.

Sleep Disruption

We were regularly woken at night, despite measures to alleviate this.

Effect on New Housing Estates

There are 4 new housing estates in St Nicholas-at-Wade, directly under the flight path, one of which is under construction, and another hardly started. All of these will be very badly affected if the project goes ahead by unacceptable noise pollution.

There is a possibility that the last estate will fail to sell the houses built if the project is given permission, thereby working against the Government initiative of providing additional housing for families.

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Additional unnecessary Pollution from Lorries arising from Location of the proposed Airport

Manston is tucked away in farthest Eastern Kent, and the outcome is additional mileage for lorries carrying goods to almost anywhere in the UK. Compared to Heathrow Airport, there is an additional 100 miles in each direction.

Conclusion

This project is ill conceived, not needed, polluting, disrupting of parts of Thanet to the point of unacceptability.

I urge you to decide NOT to allow it.