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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: opposition to the proposal by RiverOak Strategic Partners (unique ref: 20012596)
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Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident in Ramsgate who lives on the proposed flight path into Manston airport, I am strongly opposed to the proposal to create a cargo hub at the airport. I have read the report by the Independent Assessor and I note that the assessor states there is not sufficient need for an air freight cargo hub because sufficient capacity is available at existing operational airports such as East Midlands, Stansted and Heathrow.

Ramsgate is a recipient of a Hight Street Heritage Action Zone award; how can the regeneration of this area based on its heritage be aligned with cargo planes flying over the town as they descend to the terminal? How can a town that has been focusing on tourism and its scenic attractions to generate income cast that aside in favour of a plan that is not needed on a national level? As the Independent Assessor has noted the road transport time from Manston to the M1 places the viability of a cargo hub in this area as uncompetitive - and therefore unsustainable - when compared with East Midlands, Stansted and Heathrow.

It must also be noted that as we strive to achieve our carbon neutral status, dedicated cargo flights are less appropriate when belly-hold space on long-haul flights is available from Heathrow in particular. Manston can not compete with this and it threatens both quality of life and the regeneration of the town being achieved from other industries - which also include renewable energy sources such as the wind and solar farms in the area.

Yours sincerely

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