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*RE: RiverOak Strategic Partners Ltd application for Manston airport to be considered as a National Strategic Infrastructure project - Submission from Interested Party: new Ramsgate Resident*

I agree with the original ExA recommendation and the new Independent Assessors' report that this application fails to demonstrate a national need. These expert reports prove the application to reopen Manston airport to be: against the national interest, financially unviable - and so would not create sustainable jobs- and break the government's plan for net zero aviation.

Additional material matters since 9 July 2019 on the effects of Brexit, COVID, Levelling up and SofS

- **Brexit:** The reduction in workers from the EU following Brexit has led to staff shortages in Thanet from agricultural workers to bus drivers. (see Thanet Earth and Stagecoach loss of staff and difficulties in hiring). There is no longer a work shortage in the area but a skills shortage which can be dealt with under the Levelling Up plans for training
- **Levelling up:** The Government's Levelling up fund announced £19.8 million for Ramsgate (Wednesday 27 October 2021). Freight aircraft flying low over the town will severely damage the regeneration and levelling up funding investment in heritage tourism, the hospitality industry and green innovation including:

**(A)The Port.** A Green Port which will provide a hub for innovation and training. A Green Campus including a Centre of Excellence for offshore operations and maintenance and a hub for green business. This investment will unlock the opportunity to provide real economic growth, job creation and training places in the heart of Ramsgate.

**(B)The Royal Harbour:** Investment in heritage buildings around the Royal Harbour to develop new and distinctive visitor assets that will provide important new training and employment for residents. To include a new boutique hotel, high end restaurants and meaningful apprenticeships and in-work training in hospitality. Investment in quayside fishing facilities to enable the local fleet to store and sell their catch, as well as providing new fishing and maritime jobs and training. New public realm adjacent to a refurbished clocktower will create a new town square, as well as connecting projects and reducing congestion within the centre.

- **COVID. New Residents, jobs and productivity.** The combination of more people working from home and the desire to leave crowded, air-polluted, noisy urban areas has led to hundreds of new residents in Ramsgate. According to the [Property Market Index Report 2020/21](#) Ramsgate topped the coastal towns most desired by people moving out of London.

Low flying, noisy aircraft directly above their homes will decrease the productivity of these new residents and damage the economic boost and jobs they have brought to the town.

- **The Secretary of State.** The Secretary of State must be totally removed from all decision making over this application as his personal predilections mean he cannot act as an independent arbiter. See Sunday Times November 2021 on his conflict of interest.

Yours faithfully

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