



Subject: Manston Airport & Riveroak Strategic Partners (TR020002)
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To whom it may concern,

Please consider this email as our confirmation of opposition to Manston being reopened as a cargo airport.

- We agree with the recommendation in the Examining Authority's Report of 18 October 2019 that the DCO should NOT be granted.
- We also agree with the draft report of the Independent Assessor of 21 October 2021 that similarly concludes that there have NOT been any significant or material changes to policy or the quantitative need case for the proposed development since July 2019.

We (family of 4) live in Ramsgate and are well acquainted with the saga of the Manston airport revival. In our lifetime as residents it's never been a successful business and for obvious reasons.

- Peninsular setting (not suitable for a hub).
- Road and Rail Infrastructure is not suitable.
- Town of 40K residents at the end of the runway.
- Subsidised by county council for domestic routes.

Many residents of Ramsgate see the possibility of Manston as a cargo airport as a 'Sword of Damocles' that prevents the growth and reveal of our town.

When the business was last on its legs, cargo planes flew really low over some streets. Really low. For obvious reasons our family oppose the reopening or development of the site as an airport.

We don't doubt that there are some in Ramsgate who like the idea of the airport. However it's rather fishy of politicians to suggest that 'we (Ramsgate)' want an airport. Evidence they cite is their email inbox full of enthusiastic support, but can they verify if they are genuine?.

I wonder if they would enjoy a public meeting with residents to see how we really feel! You guessed it they have turned down all invites!

It's sad that politics has become interwoven into the proposal of the site reopening. Politicians, that I shall not name, have overemphasised the need for the airport and as the silver bullet for Thanet's unemployment woes.

Gale has joked 'I am the MP for RiverOak'. This is bold evidence that there is lobbying involved!

All development will come at a cost. These costs are:

Employment?

- Loss of jobs - for the few jobs gained at the site there will be jobs lost as a result of those who do not enjoy being in a town with large low planes.
- Jobs gained? Politicians have over emphasised the job possibility and even been caught out including jobs that the site would generate abroad!

Environmental impacts

- Pegwell bay SSI is nearby. I'm pretty certain that wildlife does not enjoy being near planes. In fact don't airports shoot birds to avoid 'jet engine suck'?
- Noise pollution. Affects every living creature including school children in classes e.g. Chatham and Clarendon school is in the flight path.
- Aviation fuel dumping on landing.
- Climate change (the elephant in the room)

Your Sincerely,

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