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FAO: MANSTON CASE TEAM

REDETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION BY RSP LTD FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE REOPENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MANSTON CARGO AIRPORT IN KENT.

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Date: 2nd December 2021

Dear Manston Airport Case Team,

I am totally against the development of Manston Airport as a freight hub, and the granting of a DCO.

As a resident of Ramsgate who would be directly affected by planes coming in to land every 12 minutes for 18 hours a day (plus any additional "emergency" night landings) just 500 feet over our historically significant and listed harbour and the centre of our beautiful Georgian town, and I feel this continual raking over the remains and trying to find a way force the opening of Manston as a Freight Hub is beyond ridiculous, and causing division and harm to the lives and prospects of all residents.

Sixteen (16!) commissioned reports from aviation and logistic experts (including those commissioned by the Secretary of State) have said there is no need, no business case, and no future in re-opening the disused airfield at Manston as a freight hub. Only one, written by a paid associate of Tony Freudman (the struck of solicitor behind these unviable plans and opaque offshore funding promises) claimed otherwise.

The nationally remote location of the airstrip - surrounded by sea on 3 sides, with no motorway connections or access to the aviation fuel distribution network, and the fantastical business plan - that duplicates existing capacity and facilities readily available elsewhere - should have stopped this farcical and divisive exercise at stage one, but once again the Secretary of State (who has previously recused himself as he has a vested interest in aviation) is asking for the public to make submissions for or against the granting of a DCO.

Ramsgate, and the surrounding areas, have seen a massive growth in both population and tourism (and associated employment) since the last failed attempt at using the disused airstrip as a commercial airport, and new residential areas have been built directly under the flight path - and it is obvious the town would be blighted were this to happen.

Add to this the government's stated commitment to reducing carbon emissions and I cannot understand why this sorry misadventure continues to fester, and is allowed to hamper any sustainable plans for growth and inward investment in an area that desperately needs both.

To me as a resident and someone who runs a small business from Ramsgate, this whole saga seems farcical and potentially corrupt to the core.

Yours

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