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Dear SIr/Madam

I write in response to the invitation to make further comments following the publication of additional information in respect of proposals at Manston Airport, near Ramsgate, Kent.

My comments are as follows;

Following the original Public Enquiry, held by the Planning Inspectorate, the Examining Authority found that the case for the proposed Cargo Hub at Manston Airport failed on several counts and recommended that the Secretary of State should withhold consent.

The Independent Aviation Assessor's, appointed by the Secretary of State following the withdrawal of the original decision letter and receipt of further requested information, have now produced a report the again finds that there is no need for the Cargo Hub and that existing established airports can adequately handle the envisaged cargo flights, airports that are in my opinion better located in terms of national distribution and markets than Manston.

There is no overriding justification to set aside the potential damage to the surrounding environment and population from noise and air pollution that the proposed usage of the airport would create, and the increased road transport requirements resulting from the airports poor location to the greater part of the country.

It is now time for the Secretary of State to take full notice of the experts findings and to withhold conent.

Yours Faithfully

Brian Chapman