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Dear Manston Airport Case Team

We have written several times making our voices heard that we do not support the DCO of Manston Airport by RSP. We find it extraordinary that after all this time, energy, expert reports showing that RSP's plans are 'pie in the sky' and 'flights of fancy' (apologies for the puns) but what they promise is completely ridiculous and only idiots could believe Tony Freudman's claims of jobs, green airport (he fails to mention that dirty polluting aircraft that are used for cargo operations which are usually ex passenger aircraft and far, far from 'green'.

Below are a few points regarding jobs:

- The airport has never been a success. It was losing in excess of £10k per day when it last closed.
- When Manston first opened as a commercial airport, they promised 10,000 jobs for local people. At its height, Manston employed approximately 250 people. When it closed it employed fewer than 150 people.
- Only if the airport is a success will there be any jobs but even then, they will never be in the numbers forecast by RSP. The aviation industry has a history of exaggerating job numbers and RSP are no exception.
- RSP have bragged about airport automation which will reduce job numbers significantly.
- Even the Air Traffic Control systems will be operated remotely.
- When RSP promise local jobs their interpretation of 'local' is a 90 mile radius not local as in the East Kent area as most people are led to believe.

PINs recommended to deny the DCO. The Secretary of State overrode that decision and subsequently has asked for a further expert report to find if there is a 'need' for Manston Airport. This report concluded there is no need for Manston Airport. Please ensure your decision is to deny this DCO.

Regards
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