

TR020002 : Manston Airport DCO

RESPONSE TO THE NON-MATERIAL CHANGE: Application by RiverOak Strategic Partners Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the reopening and development of Manston Airport in Kent.

Objection to the variation I am a Ramsgate resident who has lived in the area through Manston's many changes from RAF airfield to Lorry Park. The points against the airport made in this submission are generated from my reading of official reports and from eyewitness evidence - I know exactly how loud and how low the planes are over the town, and this fact has not been dealt with honestly by RSP.

The fact that RSP thinks they need less money to compensate and/or relocate residents demonstrates how ridiculous the whole project is. There is already insufficient allowance for compensation, noise reduction and relocation, to reduce it further shows that RSP has nothing but contempt for the residents that will be affected. This fact alone should be enough for this company to be denied any development, never mind a change that further reduces quality of life for Ramsgate residents.

To quote another Ramsgate resident *"You don't need a degree in environmental studies or aviation technology to know that a giant freight hub at Manston would be an injustice to Ramsgate's residents, just 500 feet under the flight path. Thinking of them lining up to land over the Clock Tower and historic harbour is enough to churn my stomach."*

Key points against the Application and any reduction in compensation

- This proposed airport is dangerously close to a highly populated area.
- Noise and pollution will affect shops, businesses and tourism.
- Air pollution will affect health.
- Noise will impact on the learning of children in several schools.
- The fact that night flights are not discounted and the decibel level is set higher than at other airports will impact on mental health in an area that is already battling social issues caused by deprivation.
- The possible jobs generated by a freight airport are not enough to offset the jobs lost in the industries destroyed by the airport.
- The airport is putting off residents that would bring money into the area and has already caused some people to move out of the area. Only the rich can afford to move out of an area where property prices are trashed by the airport, so it will be the poorest people who are left to suffer the consequences. Ultimately, the airport plan will turn Ramsgate into an area of worse deprivation and social problems. **THE LEAST RSP CAN DO IS COMPENSATE PEOPLE PROPERLY**