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Dear sir/madam,

Last Sunday, members of the Save Manston Association attended a barbecue to help to raise funds for their campaign. A you-tube clip has been posted on a social media website showing Mr. Freudmann giving a 20 minute speech to the audience at this event. In this speech he asserted that RSP has no intention of permitting night flights at Manston. He referred to people who have expressed concerns about night-flights as telling lies.

As one of those who has raised concerns I don't think I am a liar. Previously, I have written to the Planning Inspectorate seeking clarification over claims, made by RSP, that the Planning Inspectorate had instructed them to include provision for night flights in their application. The Planning Inspectorate was good enough to clarify that they had issued no such instruction. I didn't run around accusing people of lying. I felt it was sufficient that you had clarified the situation.

It strikes me that Mr. Freudmann's claim that RSP no longer require any night flights represents a material change in the application which ought to be consulted on. The application documentation which I have read did make provision for night flights, and included allowance for a sizeable quota count.

This change seems to have been introduced very late in the examination and, if it is to be properly consulted on, the details of the new no night flights policy need to be set out in writing so that interested parties can comment. As someone who lived in the runway approach when the airport was operational I have first hand experience of the many, many loopholes used by airport operators to permit night flights when no such flights should be happening. The one thing I learned is that any restriction has to be enshrined in a watertight legal document with sufficiently punitive penalties for breaches, systems for monitoring breaches, and means of properly enforcing the regime. The one thing which does not, and did not, work is leaving it all to the airport operator and trusting them to monitor it properly and to collect the fines.

Please could the Planning Inspectorate ensure that this new proposal for no night flights is published before the next deadline so that interested parties can comment on the details of the proposal?

Kind Regards,

Mr. Peter Binding