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Subject: RSP's plans for Manston airport
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Dear Sir,

I am most unhappy at having yet again to list the valid objections to RSP's plans for Manston Airport.

The public meetings I attended, the hours I spent poring over RSP's glossy but revealing brochures in the public library, and the conversations I have had with their management committee, all point to the same conclusion; RSP need consent for their plans so they can raise money from gullible investors for the 'project'. They will then melt away. It is obvious they have NO interest in running an airport. The airlines they quote are not serious companies. Four times, the concept of 'Manston Airport' has proved unsuccessful. How many more times does it need to be proved unsustainable as a business?

The basic premise is very unstable. Manston as a solution to London's freight problems is dubious for 2 main reasons.

- i) There is no shortage of freight capacity. Passenger aircraft, as well as dedicated freight carriers, cope easily with freight needs....according to various studies by other airports and authorities.
- ii) The road infrastructure does not exist to get cargo speedily to more populous areas.

The question of night flights is an ongoing worry to those of us who live in Ramsgate. In previous documents, RSP said a limit of 8 flights a night was reasonable. Now their approach is to request permission for up to a QC4 noise ratio. This is more than is allowed in London. Why must we have this?

Again, the damage noise and pollution would inflict, has been measured and calibrated by local experts in earlier objections. The period buildings which would be at risk, have not suddenly got stronger. Please consider Ramsgate's other assets, among which are its air quality and its coastline. Much of the coastline is 'protected' by SSI's and other designations. These are to be ignored. The air we breathe is easy to take for granted now, but please could we think of the future, the consequences of climate change, and not add to the pollution of an endangered seaside town.

I am tired of quoting page references, and pieces of text to prove all this, as I have done in previous mails to you. Please forgive this overview. Part of the technique of getting your own way with planning, is to wear down any opposition with grindingly slow responses and repeat appeals. I would hate to see this tried and tested method be successful in this case.

Please throw out RSP's 'plans' for Manston, and consider other options which may actually benefit the people who live here.

Yours faithfully,

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