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Hello,

I live in Ramsgate. My family lives in Ramsgate. I love Ramsgate. Please do not ruin our town with an airport.

I work from Ramsgate and my work would become impossible to do with regular unhealthily-high-decibel aircraft movements overhead.

My wife as well as some of the children in our extended family all have breathing difficulties. The pollution from these cargo planes will be detrimental to their health. We will be forced to move from ramsgate, at a large financial loss - house prices aren't the best under flight paths.

I understand the secretary of state is asking what has changed in recent months.

I can say that cargo planes have not become less polluting.

They have not become less noisy.

Breathing has become no less necessary to human life.

Human rights have not become less important.

Our commitment to lowering carbon emissions is just as crucial as it was a few months ago.

And Ramsgate's residents are still overwhelmingly against this threat to our health and prosperity.

What has changed is that Ramsgate's visitor numbers are up. Our staycation tourism and leisure industries are booming and giving jobs (all of which would be eradicated by the airport). Our working practices have changed... I no longer need to fly for work like I used to and that will not change.

The need for business flying will not return to pre-pandemic numbers. Therefore we don't need extra airport capacity.

I am aware that there have been wildly inflated numbers regarding the jobs that the cargo hub will bring. But we all know that the logistics of modern state-of-the-art freight operations are largely automated. This airport will bring about a deficit in jobs, as it will kill

our tourist industries and provide precious few jobs. Furthermore, how many children is it OK to put in hospital with breathing difficulties to create a job? 1 child per 100 jobs? 2 per thousand? I think the number is zero. No job should come at the cost of a child's health and well-being.

The airport has been called zero-carbon! This is a nonsense. Cargo planes are highly-polluting. Trucking in and out goods and fuel are highly polluting. To not count the planes and trucks that make up an airport when you're assessing its environmental impact is a nonsense.

Manston was a 1920s airfield for tiny-little planes. Its proximity to peoples' homes and workplaces and schools could be justified then. We didn't know better. But we do know better now; a modern air-cargo hub is a different polluting beast, and has no place this close to peoples' homes. No airport in this country has homes this close to a runway.

Thank you for your time, and please make the right decision, the human decision, and stop Manston airport.

Robin Temple, Ramsgate resident.