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To whom it may concern,

I write as a very concerned resident of Ramsgate and wish to put on record firstly my absolute disapproval of the re determination; this matter has been comprehensively examined from all quarters and rejected by independent planning inspectors. The re determination is a waste of time and tax payers money.

And secondly my absolute objection to the reopening of the Manston airfield for use as a 24/7 air cargo hub, which if granted would devastate the burgeoning tourist led economy and dare I say post pandemic revival of Ramsgate and its environs. To say nothing of the health and well being of the towns residents and natural wildlife.

There are many real and emotive reasons for my objection, but if as it seems the matter is to be viewed and judged through the element of 'need' then it most definitely fails. The recently RTC commissioned report by Alan Stratford Associates sets out Manston's failings very clearly and in particular highlights the excess cargo capacity at other well established and much better located airports.

What struck me most was the emphasis on Heathrow; the third runway at Heathrow is all but inevitable since there is no appetite to construct a new airport in the UK. The third runway will I believe see the construction of a new passenger terminal (T6) and further enlargement of Heathrow's Air Cargo village thereby greatly increasing its capability to accept a far higher percentage of inbound air cargo into the UK's most populated region.

Strategically for the UK as a whole this makes sense, what doesn't make any sense whatsoever is RSP's proposals which have been examined by persons far more qualified than I and have been found wanting. Manston's record is one of constant failure and financial loss for its unwary backers who have as I understand included local government.

This matter should have been closed long ago and the site put to much better use, yet here we are again with another scheme and again fronted by the same individuals who have failed repeatedly. All the while prime agricultural land is being sold and constructed on; I urge the planning inspectorate to impress again apoun the Secretary of State for Transport the futility and damage the reopening would cause to Ramsgate and surrounding areas.

Let us and the future generations of our wonderful towns prosper through living and building a better more healthier future. There is no 'NEED'

Regards

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