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To: [Manston Airport](#)
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To whom it may concern,

I sent the email below to you back in July 2021 in response to the news that permission had been granted for a cargo hub at Manston Airport. Things have now changed considerably since then with a further assessment having taken place resulting in the report saying that the "need for Manston Airport not proven" etc.

However, we wish to re-submit the original email below to you as our feelings haven't changed; we are still very much against the Airport opening as a cargo hub for the reasons outlined below. We have also read worrying reports of an increased number of night flights plus that outside of the "flying hours", planes will still be permitted to land if for whatever reason they are delayed en-route to Manston.

"Like many people who live in Ramsgate, we were shocked when we heard permission had been granted to River Oak last year for Manston Airport to become a cargo hub. We are so against this happening for all the reasons that have been stated in the past; noise pollution being the main concern as the part of Ramsgate we live in is directly under the flight path; it'll even be worse for friends and fellow neighbours who live on the Nethercourt Estate. Of course there are also issues with road links and congestion, health concerns (not just the noise pollution throughout the day but more importantly during the night – as everyone should have a right for a good night's sleep; if this doesn't happen, it will lead to sleep deprivation) but also from pollution from plane's engines etc. Tourism will also be greatly affected as will the café culture and restaurants throughout the town. These will surely close as I can't see many customers wishing to visit these establishments with planes flying overhead multiple times per day. With Covid, these businesses need all the help they can get at the moment from paying customers due to loss of trade last year and most of this year. Whatever "few" jobs that may well be created, double that will be lost in the local hospitality industry. The opening of the airport will also greatly affect children's education with several schools close by or underneath of the flight path. None of us will be able to use our gardens anymore either. Thanet is currently a very quiet area with lots of wildlife such as birds that seem to have returned in recent years; air quality also seems better as well; this will also be a thing of the past if the airport is allowed to re-open.

We really cannot understand why permission had been given for this. All the survey's that have been carried out with regards to Stonehill Park – they have all pointed to the fact that apart from all the issues that we are aware of, the fact remains that it simply is not viable when you look at past companies who have tried and failed. Plus, with the current Covid pandemic and restrictions on travel and border issues, it seems now more less likely than ever to succeed.

Like other residents, we took part in the DCO examination process which cost us time and money.

We would like to register our names along with others who disagree with the decision to open the airport".

Kind Regards,

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