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**FAO: MANSTON CASE TEAM**

**REDETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION BY RSP LTD FOR AN ORDER GRANTING  
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE REOPENING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MANSTON CARGO  
AIRPORT IN KENT.**


Dear Manston Airport Case Team,

As a Ramsgate resident and owner of a business on the town's harbour arm, I am writing to say that I agree 100% with the original decision by the Examining Authority that development consent for a cargo hub at Manston should NOT be granted.

I have read the October 2021 report by the independent assessor, Ove Arup, and agree with their clear conclusion that nothing of relevance has changed since ExA's recommendation in 2019 that the DCO should not be granted.

We live in a world that must fast adapt to climate change before it's too late. This government has made promises about reaching net zero carbon emissions within the next 15 years and while RSP make claims about Manston being a 'green airport', they don't allow for the emission from planes!

We humans must all hope that technology will come up with fantastic solutions to allow planes to fly in the future without further damaging the planet, but we are still a long way off. In the meantime, the kind of planes that would be coming in a few hundred feet over my restaurant and my home would be old cargo planes spewing the usual polluting emissions.

I live in the  and when the airport was in operation before, my family and I were kept awake by the terrible noise of the planes coming into land. My baby son would wake up screaming at the sound. Even just crossing the road was disorientating when a plane was overhead. When it was a small, failing airport, that was bad enough. Opening a giant-scale freight operation as proposed by RSP would have a brutal effect on residents and businesses alike.

I run a popular restaurant at the end of Ramsgate's harbour arm. To one side, there is open sea, to the other, the harbour itself. My customers come because they appreciate the peace, amazing views, sunsets, fresh air and the sound of the water, not roaring aeroplane

engines. The noise, which has been recorded from one neighbour's garden at nearly 100 decibels, is so challenging, it has an effect on people's mental health.

I employ 10 and give many local young people the opportunity to learn skills in hospitality and catering. The impact of an industrial airport would be so dire, I fear I would be forced to close. Unemployment in the area has reduced since Manston shut and if it were to reopen, it would have a severe effect on tourism. People come to Ramsgate for a relaxing break by the ocean, not to be awoken by aircraft or sit on the beach with their hands over their ears, breathing in fumes.

Many other expert, professional reports (at least 15) have said the same thing: that there is no case and no need for RSP's freight plan at Manston. Please stop ignoring them – or at the very least, listen to pure common sense.

Yours,

Adrian Mowl

