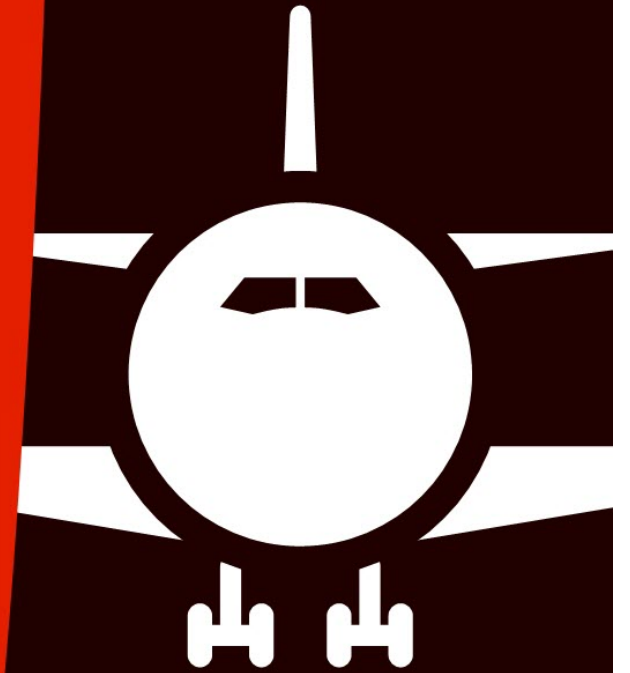


NO NOISY, DIRTY CARGO AIRPORT

“Say **NO** to thousands of
cargo flights day and night”



NO 

Your view on the Local Plan needed!

Thanet Council is asking residents which sites should be used for new housing. The Council must find room for thousands of new homes.

Most residents do not want the amount of housing that is being proposed. However, the Council must identify enough housing to satisfy the Government. If not, the Government won't approve our Local Plan and developers will be free to build wherever they like.

**We CAN'T change the number of new houses in the Plan.
We CAN decide where they should go.**

The Council proposes that 2,500 homes should go on the old Manston airport site as part of a mixed use development. The development would also include buildings for new businesses and jobs; new schools; new doctors' surgeries; the current museums; lots of open space and leisure facilities; and the potential for some light aviation.

The Council can't keep the site for future aviation use because our Local Plan has to be based on evidence. The Council has commissioned two independent expert reports. Both say that a profitable airport cannot be developed on that site. That's the evidence. The Council's hands are therefore tied.

If 2,500 houses do not go on the airport site, then new sites will have to be found for them elsewhere in Thanet. All Thanet's brownfield sites are already in the Plan. These

houses would have to go on greenfield sites and/or be squeezed in wherever possible next to existing homes.

The Council has no way of reopening the airport. The only way an airport could be developed at Manston is if an American company persuades the Government that it should be given the land. That company does not want to bring back our old airport. The plan is for a cargo airport with 12,000 to 20,000 cargo flights a year. The old airport had just 500. Almost half of air freight is shifted at night. 12,000 to 20,000 cargo flights would mean between 14 and 23 cargo flights over our homes every night.

If you would rather see houses built on brownfield land and not on our fields...

If you would rather see houses built together with the necessary schools and GP surgeries and not squeezed in everywhere with no extra services for residents...

If you don't want a noisy, dirty, cargo airport with 14 to 23 flights a night...

...tell Thanet District Council.

You've got until 17th March to have your say.

You can comment online here: <https://consult.thanet.gov.uk>

Or email local.plans@thanet.gov.uk

Or write to Strategic Planning, Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Cecil Square, Margate, Kent, CT9 1XZ

Just tell them that you support the reuse of the old Manston airport site for mixed use development.