

Appendix II

**Summary of Public Consultation Opinions expressed at
Town and Parish Public Meetings and at the 106 Roadshows**

Summary of Public Meetings and Roadshow Consultation Feedback

This appendix features a summary of the comments expressed by local people in the towns and villages of Thanet at public meetings and 106 roadshows. These were held in the district throughout a three-month consultation period.

This appendix is made up of three parts:

- A report summarising in graph format the views of those who volunteered to take part in focus groups at the town meetings held in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate. These groups answered questions based on a topic guide which featured questions relating to the 106 agreement.
- A table summarising the general comments expressed during the public consultation meetings related to the places in the district where those views/concerns were raised most.
- A spreadsheet summary of the feedback specifically relating to the content of a S106 agreement which were recorded at the town and parish public meetings and at the roadshows.

This appendix does not contain the analysis of the MORI public consultation survey questionnaires which can be found in Appendix I. The following data draws together people's views and comments and highlights their particular areas of concern.

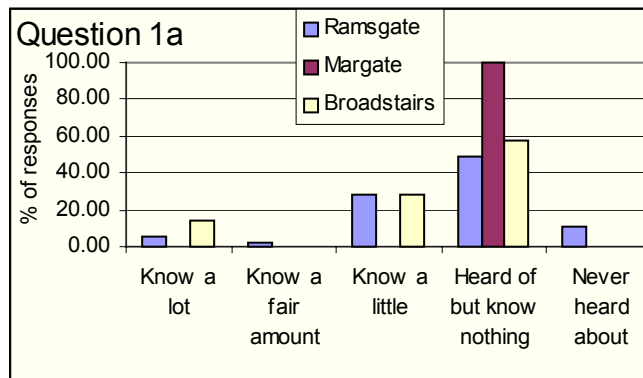
Analysis of Focus Group Feedback from the Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs public meetings

Three public town meetings were held in Broadstairs, Margate and Ramsgate during the S106 consultation. A standard format was used for the meetings and people were invited to participate in focus groups before the open forum where they could express their views at the microphone. The focus group were facilitated by council officers.

The purpose of the focus groups was to provide people with the opportunity to participate in the consultation process away from the question and answer forum and enable people to express their views in relation to the questions contained in a 106 topic guide.

The report contains the comments from three focus group meetings in Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs.

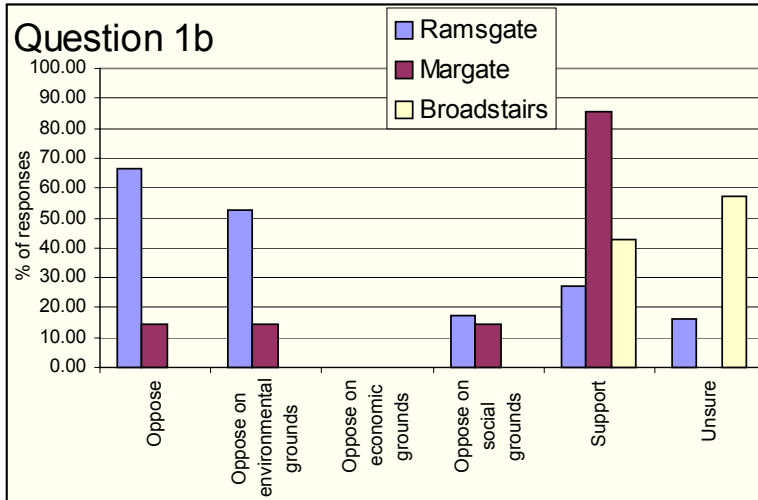
- The Ramsgate group had an attendance of 74, divided into eight groups.
- In both Margate and Broadstairs there was an attendance of 14, divided into two groups, one of which consisted of six councillors.
- **The percentage has been calculated for all questions by the attendance number, that is 74 or 14.**
- **Some of the questions were multiple answer, for these percentage totals more than 100%.**



Q1a: How much do you feel you know about the proposed airport expansion?

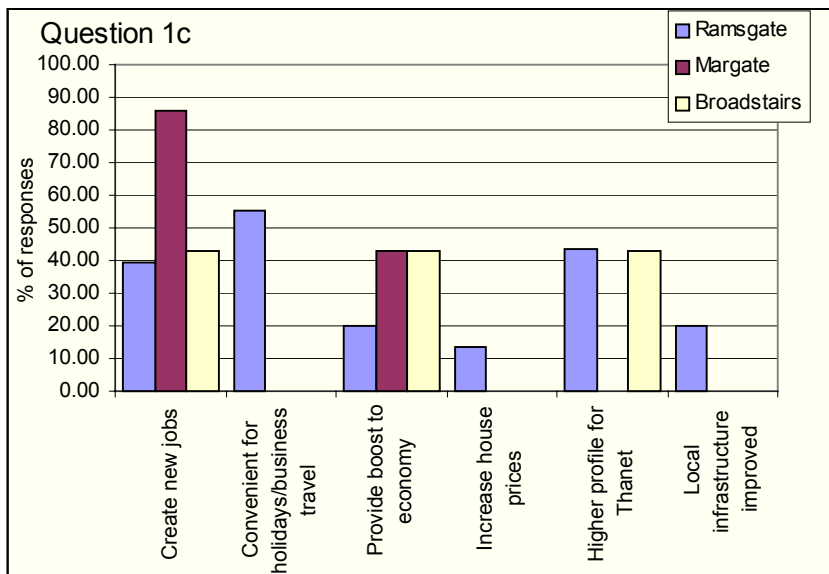
- The majority from all three groups said they had heard of airport expansion but knew nothing about it.
- Both the groups from Margate said they had heard of airport expansion but knew nothing about it.

Q1b: Do you support or oppose the proposed airport expansion?



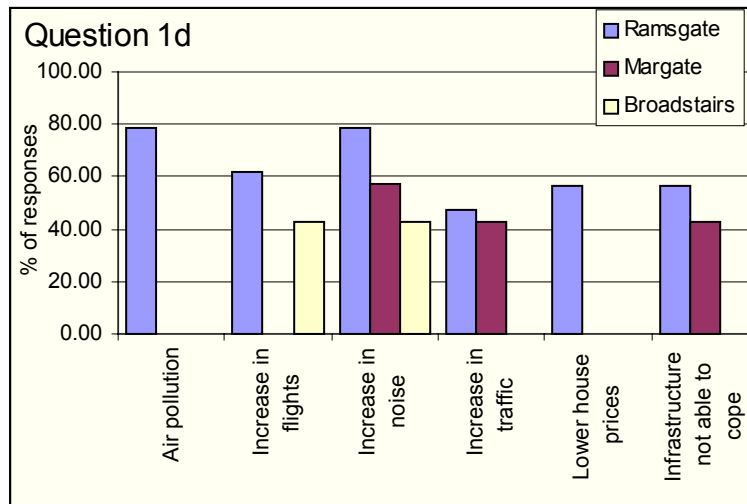
- Groups could record more than one response, so that the bars on the chart represent the percentage from the groups who expressed a particular response.
- A majority from Margate, 86%, supported the expansion
- Two-thirds of the Ramsgate group were opposed to expansion
- Just over half, 52%, from Ramsgate opposed on environmental grounds.
- The Broadstairs group either supported or opposed expansion

Q1c: What are the advantages of the proposed airport expansion?



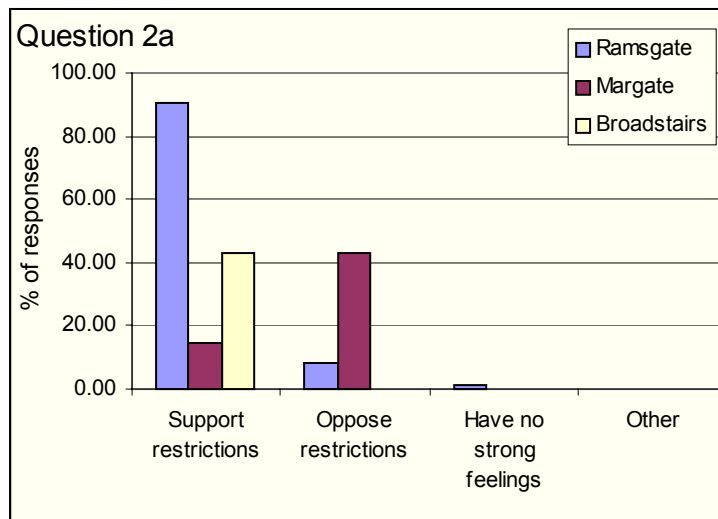
- Groups could record more than one response, so that the bars on the chart represent the percentage from the groups who expressed a particular response.
- The councillors group in Broadstairs did not register any opinion
- The Margate group thought the advantages would be economic, opting for the creation of new jobs and boosting the economy
- Travel convenience was the greatest advantage perceived by the Ramsgate group [55%], the only town to select this option.
- Opinion in Broadstairs was equally divided between new jobs, boosting the economy and a higher profile for Thanet.

Q1d: What are the disadvantages of the proposed airport expansion?



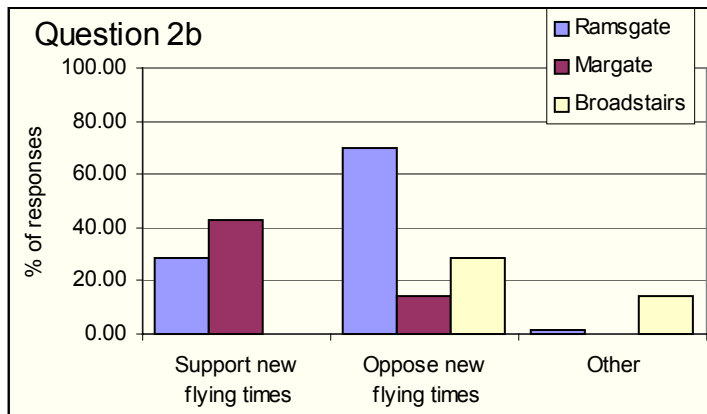
- Groups could record more than one response, so that the bars on the chart represent the percentage from the groups who expressed a particular response.
- The councillors group in Broadstairs did not register any opinion
- Ramsgate listed disadvantages in all categories
- Air and noise pollution cited as the greatest disadvantage by the Ramsgate group [78%]
- Margate selected noise, traffic and inadequate infrastructure as the greatest disadvantages
- The Broadstairs group was concerned about the increase in flights and noise.

Q2a: What are your feelings about the previous night flight restrictions?



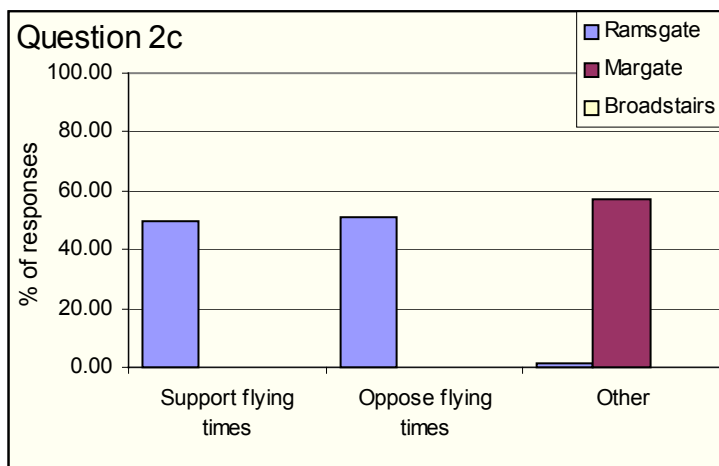
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- The councillors group in Broadstairs did not register any opinion
- The majority from both Ramsgate [90%] and Broadstairs [43%] supported night flight restrictions
- In the Margate group 42% opposed restrictions

Q2b: What are your feelings on the new proposed flight arrival times between April and September?



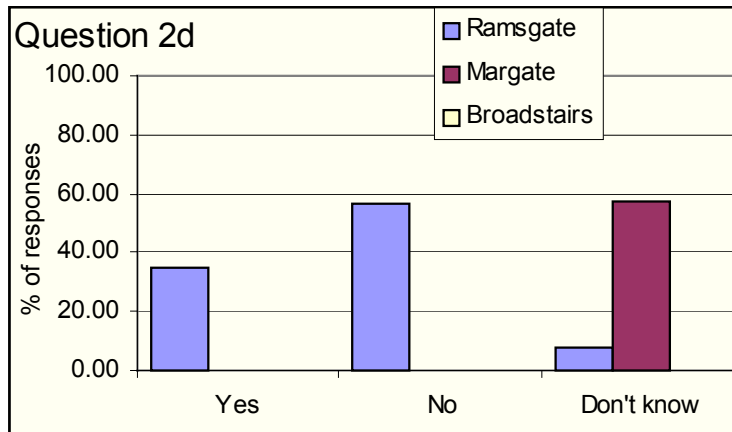
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- The councillors group in Broadstairs did not register any opinion
- In Margate 42% supported new flying times
- The times were opposed in both Ramsgate [70%] and Broadstairs [28%]

Q2c: What are your feelings on the new proposed flight take off times?



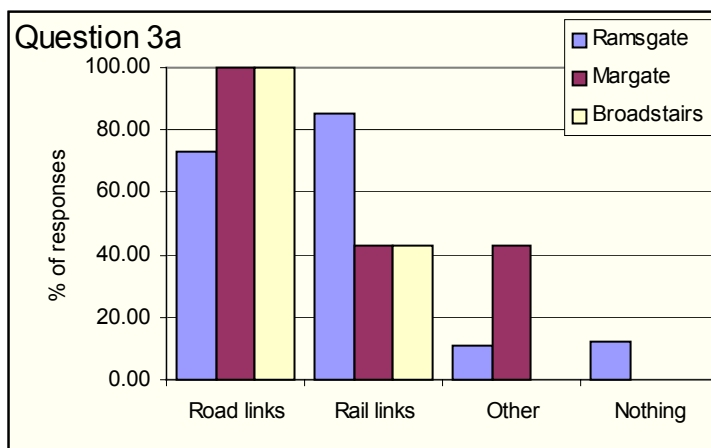
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- Opinion in Ramsgate was almost equally divided

Q2d: Are the current regulations restrictive for the airport operators?



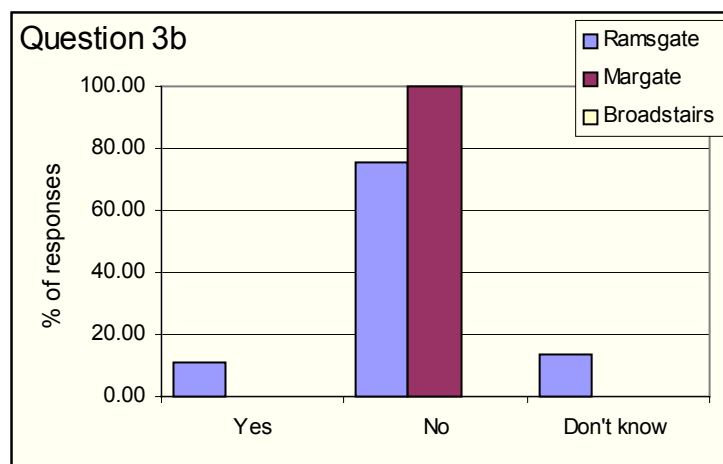
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- The majority in Ramsgate, 58%, did not think the current regulations restrictive.

Q3a: If the airport is to be expanded what do you think needs to be brought with it?



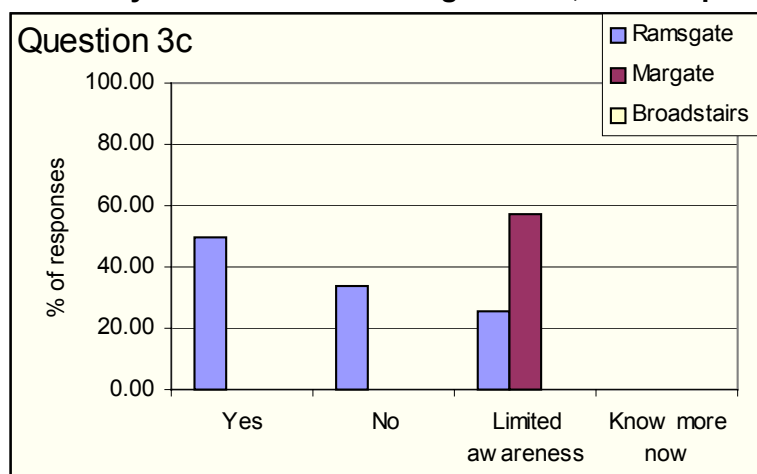
- Groups could record more than one response, so that the bars on the chart represent the percentage from the groups who expressed a particular response.
- Margate and Broadstairs recorded 100% support for road links.
- Ramsgate recorded 73% for road links and 85% for rail links.

Q3b: Can the current infrastructure cope?



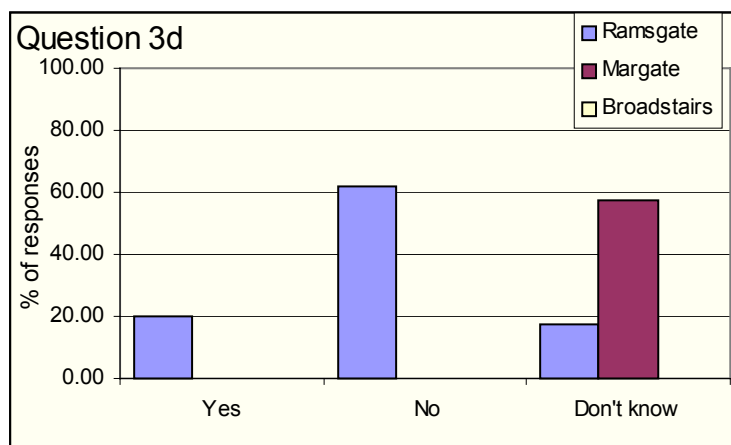
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- All responses from Margate and 76% from Ramsgate did not think the current infrastructure could cope.

Q3c: Are you aware of a S106 Agreement, drawn up in relation to the airport?



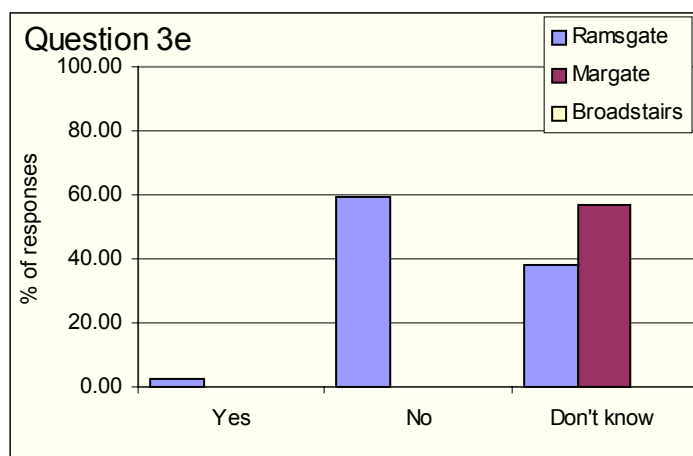
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- Half of the responses from Ramsgate were aware of the agreement
- 57% from Margate had limited awareness.

Q3d: Do you feel the existing 106 has served the area well?



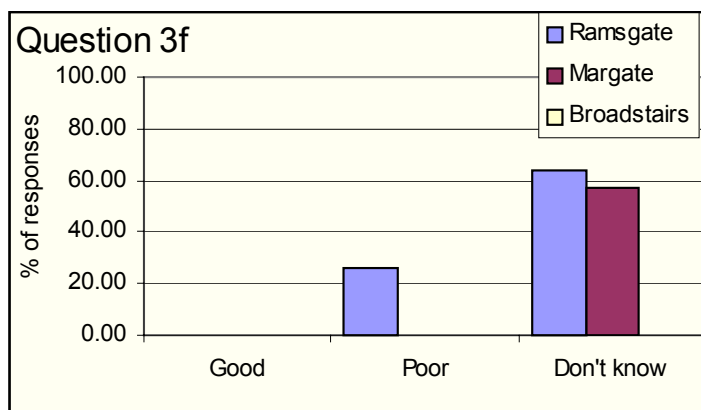
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- More than 60% of responses from Ramsgate did feel that the existing 106 had served the area well.
- All the responses from the remaining group from Margate recorded that they did not know.

Q3e: Are the issues surrounding infrastructure and environment adequately catered for?



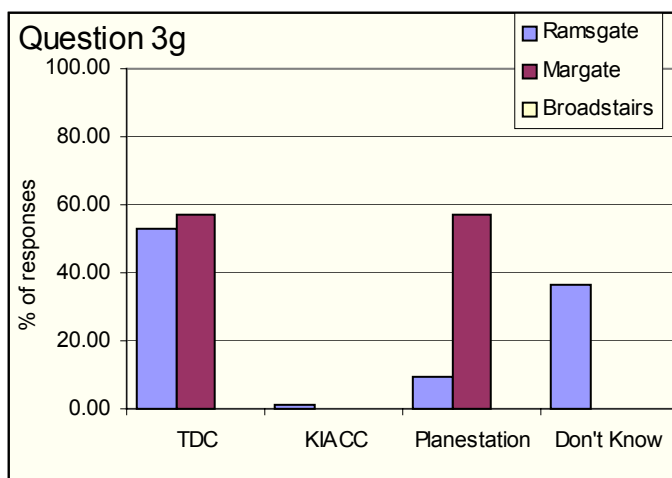
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- 60% of responses from Ramsgate said that the issues surrounding infrastructure and environment were adequately catered for.
- All the responses from the remaining group from Margate recorded that they did not know.

Q3f: How effective has the current 106 been in ensuring a good deal for Thanet?



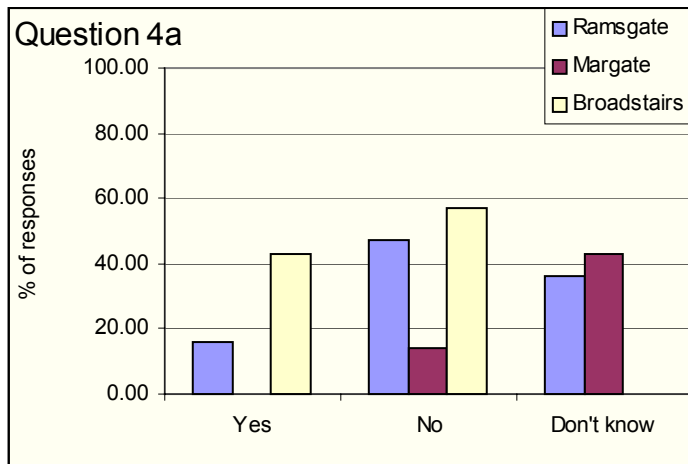
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- No one thought that the current 106 had been effective.
- Over half the responses in both Ramsgate [64%] and Margate [57%] said they did not know how effective the current 106 had been.

Q3g: Who do you believe is currently responsible for monitoring the S106 Agreement?



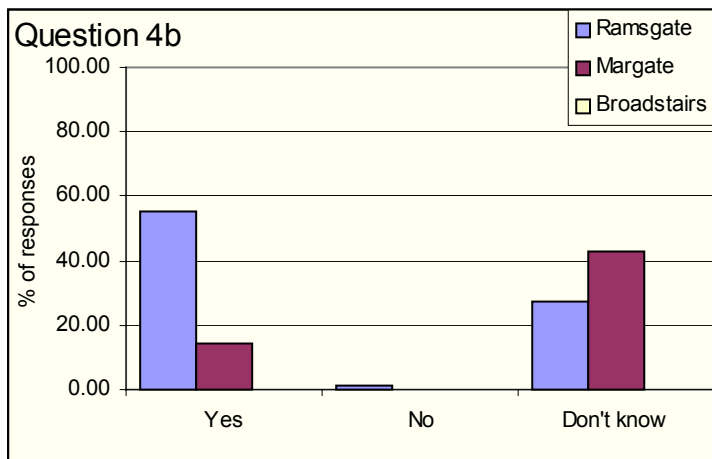
- Groups could record more than one response, so that the bars on the chart represent the percentage from the groups who expressed a particular response.
- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- TDC was thought to be the monitoring body by more than 50% of responses in both Ramsgate [53%] and Margate [57%].
- Planestation was named by 57% in Margate but only 9% in Ramsgate.

Q4a: Do you feel the airport operators have abided by / shown due consideration for their obligations under the S106 Agreement?



- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- The airport operators were thought not to have abided by their obligations by about half of responses in Ramsgate [47%] and Broadstairs [57%]
- More than 40% of responses from Broadstairs [43%] thought that the airport operators had abided by their obligations

Q4b: Are Planestation failing succeeding in regards their obligations?



- The Councillors group in Margate recorded no opinion
- There were no recorded responses from Broadstairs
- Less than 2% from Ramsgate said no
- The majority from Ramsgate [55%] said yes

COMMENTS MADE DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS AND THE BUS CONSULTATION ROAD SHOW

The general comments made in relation to the S106 Agreement during the Public Meetings and the Bus Consultation Roadshow have been drawn together in the tables below to illustrate

- a) the most commonly expressed views of people attending the meeting or visiting the bus
- b) the areas in which these views were most predominantly expressed by people attending

PUBLIC COMMENT	LOCATION AT WHICH COMMENTS WERE RAISED											
	Nethercourt	Cliffsend	Ramsgate	Manston	Broadstairs	St Nicholas	Birchington	Minster	Acol	Newington	Margate	Monkton
1. NIGHT FLIGHTS												
Support Airport but don't want night flights			•			•	•	•				
Object to early morning take offs	•	•						•				
Don't want night flights	•	•	•				•	•	•			•
Concern cargo night flights may expand	•		•	•					•			•
Lack of confidence in council to balance commercial & public interest	•	•		•		•						
Concern night flights introduced without consultation	•		•	•			•	•				

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2. NOISE LIMITATIONS												
Dissatisfied with noise monitoring		•						•	•			•
Fokker 100 jets not big problem			•	•	•		•	•		•		
Fear of noise in relation to airport expansion		•	•									•
Noise unacceptable		•	•									•
Engine testing a problem	•						•					
Fear of noise related to cargo flights	•	•	•	•								•

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3. NOISE MONITORING TERMINALS												
Monitors incorrectly placed		•				•		•				•
Airport complaint system not effective	•	•	•			•						•
More noise monitoring terminals needed		•				•		•				

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4. DEPARTURE RUNWAYS												
Frequency of departures and landings	•	•	•									
Concern about off route aircraft	•		•									
Want better monitoring of aircraft movements			•			•						•
Stricter penalties for flying off route		•	•			•						•
Concern over direction of take-offs and landings		•	•			•	•					•

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5 POLLUTION MONITORING												
Concern about spread & smell of aircraft fuel	•		•			•		•				•
Call for monitoring specific areas									•			
No evidence of any pollution & happy with airport operation								•				

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	Nethercourt	Cliffsend	Ramsgate	Manston	Broadstairs	St Nicholas	Birchington	Minster	Acol	Newington	Margate	Monkton
6 ENGINE TESTING												
Concern about late night early am testing								•	•			•
Call for full Environmental Impact Study						•			•			•

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	Nethercourt	Cliffsend	Ramsgate	Manston	Broadstairs	St Nicholas	Birchington	Minster	Acol	Newington	Margate	Monkton
7 GREEN TRAVEL STRATEGY												
Improved public transport to the airport			•			•						

Need improved infrastructure to support the airport			•			•			•			
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8 SOUND INSULATION												
Footprint does not cover area adequately				•								

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	Cliftonville	Nethercourt	Cliffsend	Ramsgate	Manston	Broadstairs	St Nicholas	Birchington	Minster	Acol	Newington	Margate	Monkton
9 SUPPORT FOR AIRPORT													
Convenient for travel	•	•		•		•		•				•	
Created jobs				•				•	•		•		
Unconditional support	•			•		•		•	•		•	•	