



# FLY THE FLAG

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## DOES THE TRUTH HURT

FLAG does not believe that the truth can hurt Lydd Airport's re-development. MYTHS abound regarding size of aircraft, volume of noise, bird strikes, pollution "all our gardens will die", number of flights, traffic, danger to Dungeness Power station, etc!!!

**Now the TRUTH; the largest aircraft that will be able to use Lydd Airport will be an Airbus A319 or Boeing 737 type, NOT Jumbo jets, the runway is not wide enough.**

**The noise** created by modern commercial airliners is like a vacuum cleaner at 200 yards, (see Boeings web site). Motor bike noise could be heard above the Boeing 737 that landed for tests on a video taken by a bystander in Greatstone.

**Bird strikes**, although they happen, they are rare and affect all sizes of aircraft, so seven flights a day extra is not going to increase the occurrence in the Lydd area.

**Pollution** modern aircraft are the cleanest ever, have you flown out of Gatwick or Heathrow? With about 100 million passengers between them, the flowers and grass still grows in all the gardens and fields around them. Aircraft pollution does not kill plants near airports!!!

**Traffic** ½ million passengers a year means 250 thousand in & 250 thousand out, or 685 a day. Dungeness nature reserve has more visitors a year at around 500,000 add to that the other ½ million that visit the area for its other attractions make about 1 million visitors a year. The road infrastructure manages with that and is not overloaded. So would 685 extra people a day, about 250 cars and a couple of busses make that much difference? The answer has to be NO!!!!

**Danger to Dungeness Power station & No third power station if the airport develops**, NOT ONE commercial jet aircraft has flown into a power station anywhere in the world since passenger jet started commercial flights 55 years ago, why suddenly is it a danger in Lydd. If by some incredible piece of bad luck Lydd became the first place in the world for such an event, the core of the reactor would not be breached, FACT!!!

British Energy are also happy to build "C" Station at Dungeness and have looked into the safety case for this, (see reports in Kent Herald & Express) "**IT is not a problem if the Airport develops.**"

***But why let the truth get in the way of a good scare story***



## GREAT SUCCESS FOR LYDD AIRPORT AIR SHOW

A second spectacular Air Show was held at London Ashford Airport on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, over 25,000 people used this chance to see the airport many talked with members of FLAG about the benefits the development of the Airport will bring, and many became new members of **FLAG** in support of the Airport development.

Visit [www.f-l-a-g.co.uk](http://www.f-l-a-g.co.uk) where you can ask questions and support the development of Lydd Airport

**NEW**

## Environmental Impact Assessment

Following the public consultation by Shepway DC, some questions were raised by objectors to the development of Lydd Airport regarding the environmental impact this development would create. The Airport have answered these objections now and the Planning department should be able to bring the applications forward to the Councillors in December. Let's hope no more delaying tactics are used to stop Romney Marsh getting the **NEW JOBS, BETTER TRANSPORT LINKS, AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION.**

**FLAG** are holding open meetings for all to attend, the next one is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October at Lydd Airport. Everyone is welcome to come and discuss the Airport and keep up to date with progress of the development. Further dates will be announced at the meetings and publicised as widely as we can.

## Halloween Dance 26<sup>th</sup> October

FLAG are holding a Halloween Dance at Lydd Memorial Club for a get together and have some fun. Tickets are £7.50 and available from Two Bob Shop, Park Stores, The George Hotel & Londis.

**IF YOU WANT TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROMNEY MARSH, WITH MORE HIGH QUALITY JOBS, GREAT TRAINING FACILITIES, BETTER TRANSPORT LINKS, AND IMPROVED LOCAL BUSINESS, SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF LYDD AIRPORT BY CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS & LET THEM KNOW ABOUT YOUR SUPPORT, IT COULD BE VITAL TO THE ECONOMIC WELLBEING OF THE MARSH AREA. CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR WEB SITE or get forms from TWO BOB SHOP to become a Member of FLAG.**

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