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Dear sir/madam.

My understanding was the the Planning Inspectorate was seeking clarity about the funding of the Manston Airport project "early" in the examination process. With less than two weeks to go before the main hearings commence there appears to be no clarity whatsoever. The company putting forward the DCO seems to have conceded that they do not have the money for the project and has indicated that they intend to raise the money after the DCO has been completed. In terms of immediate finance there is no clarity about where the money has come from to submit this application and where the money is supposed to be coming from to compensate the owners if the DCO is granted.

These concerns about the funding are not new. Numerous people have raised concerns about the funding since the Planning Inspectorate decided to engage with this application. They were all told that this would be addressed during the examination stage. Yet the examination stage is proceeding apace with no clarity about the funding.

Is it not time to put the brakes on this process until clarity is provided about the funding? If the company involved cannot show where the money is coming from surely there is no point in going any further. Looking at the stage 3 submissions hundreds of people and organisations have spent thousands of hours putting together their submissions for and against this application. If there is no money to deliver the project surely you are just wasting everybody's time?

Is it not time to call a halt to this?

Kind Regards,

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