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Good afternoon Mr Price

I wonder if you would be kind enough to answer one question for me concerning an acknowledged fact which seems, to my mind, to compromise the entire DCO application for RSP.

As I understand it, and please correct me if I am wrong (and point me to the relevant regulations), a DCO will only be allowed if other attempts to obtain the required use of the land in question have failed.

In this instance, RSP have previously been offered a long lease, of 125 years, of the land in question at Manston sufficient to run their airport. I understand that the lease was offered with the proviso that the land was for use only as an airport. Again, this would seem to suffice, for their purposes, if the application is to be taken at face value.

Can you, or the ExA, please let me know why this fact is not sufficient to disqualify the application in this instance?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, and kind regards, Deb Shotton