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To: [Manston Airport](#)
Subject: The ongoing question of funding
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Dear sir/madam,

In my previous correspondence I referred to the issue of funding being unresolved. I asked the following questions of the Planning Inspectorate. You have not responded:

What is the point of the deadlines in your process?

Does it make a blind bit of difference if the applicant fails to meet the deadlines which you set?

Does it matter to you where this money is coming from or whether it really exists? Does the lack of clarity about funding make any difference whatsoever to this application?

If the Secretary of State is making the ultimate decision, can he not just ignore where the money is coming from and rubber-stamp it anyway?

RSP has now responded to the last round of questioning. Within their response they make the following statement:

"...the Applicant respectfully suggests that the ExA's remit does not extend to scrutinising the source of funds, but only to ascertaining the likelihood of the funds being available.."

The applicants are seeking to persuade the Secretary of State to authorise a compulsory purchase of the site of the derelict, failed airport at Manston for a knock-down price of £7.5 million. As set out in previous correspondence, the site is, potentially, worth far more than this. From my perspective it would seem to be very important to establish the ultimate source of any funds in order to rule out any possibility of corruption.

Does your remit extend to ascertaining the ultimate source of the funds to be used for the proposed development?

Is the Secretary of State legally permitted to authorise a DCO without establishing, or making public the true source of the funding?

Kind Regards,

Mr. Peter Binding