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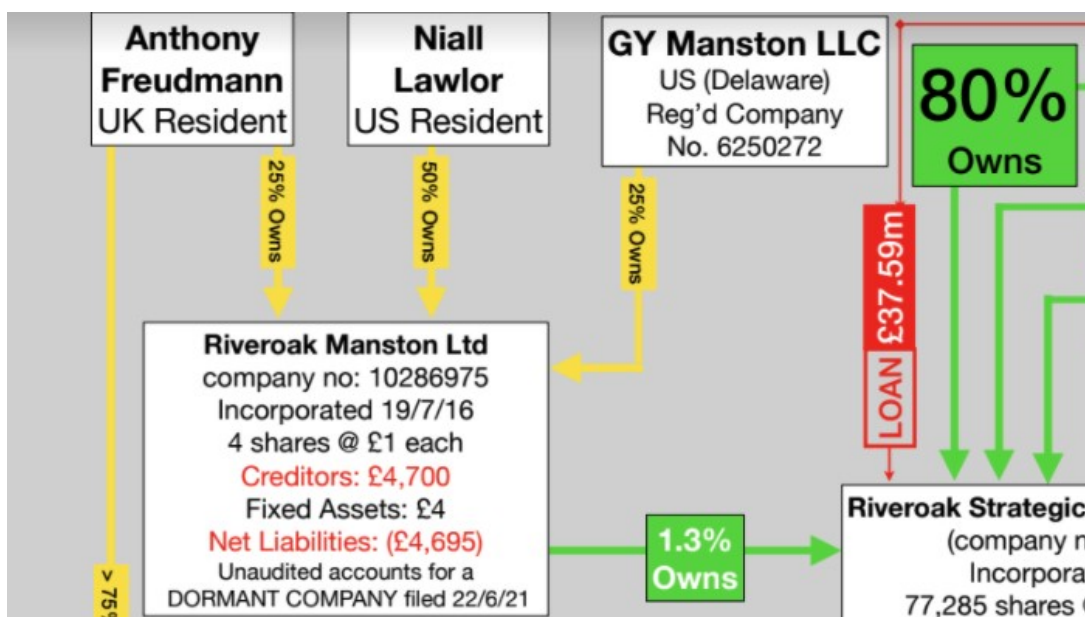
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Dear Secretary of State

Further to recent announcements with regards to the Draft Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill, we are writing with details and concerns regarding UK land and defence infrastructure situated on that land with uncertain ownership that may require more urgent attention due to the security concerns involved. We are also aware that Sir Roger Gale, MP for North Thanet, may have also recently contacted you to promote the Manston site for use by the UK Government, perhaps unaware of the lack of transparency with regards to its ultimate owners or the security or economic crimes risk this may represent.

As you may be aware, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has repeatedly lodged long-standing objections to a current Development Consent Order (DCO) application with regards to proposed development of the former Manston airfield. These objections concern location of the DIO's High Resolution Definition Finder, (HRDF), which is housed on the Manston site.

We have attached urgent correspondence submitted today to your Rt Hon colleague, Grant Shapps, the Secretary of State for Transport, in relation to this matter which we would also like to bring to your urgent attention since it relates to a potential security risk with regards to the Manston site, the housing of the HRDF. This regards the unknown entities who own the Manston site via a secretive chain of shell companies, registered in either the BVI or Panama, (it is unclear which), and with funds funnelled through Switzerland. A summary chart of this shell structure is included below and attached.



I am also aware that Sir Roger Gale, MP for North Thanet, has also raised questions to Ben Wallace in the House on 9 March 2022, proposing to circumvent the DCO application and reopen the airport "to fly out humanitarian aid", to

which Mr Wallace responded appropriately that *"we have the capacity we need, and the landing slots and landing fields we need to deliver whatever we need to do"* .

In light of the current situation in Ukraine and ongoing concerns with regards to Russia and Russian money, please consider these matters with regards to any arrangements that the Government may make or consider with regards to Manston.

Kind regards
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