



---

**From:** SHAPPS, Grant [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 March 2022 21:29  
**To:** POCorrespondence [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: For the Attention of The Secretary of State for Transport, concerning potential Russian investment in Manston Airport

---

**From:** Deb Shotton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 March 2022 11:43  
**To:** SHAPPS, Grant [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** For the Attention of The Secretary of State for Transport, concerning potential Russian investment in Manston Airport

Good morning Mr Shapps

I am forwarding to you an email sent to our two Thanet MPs, Craig Mackinlay and Sir Roger Gale.

I am not alone locally in having considerable concerns about the hidden investors behind this project, and think maybe now would be an appropriate time to examine this more closely.

Yours sincerely, Deb Shotton  
Ramsgate Resident

---

**From:** Deb Shotton [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 02 March 2022 11:32  
**To:** Craig Mackinlay MP [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Potential Russian Investment in the redevelopment of Manston Airport

Dear Mr Mackinlay

I write to express my considerable concern that there may be Russian money lined up for investment in the redevelopment of Manston Airport.

As I understand it, the newly proposed register of investors in property will expose any hidden Russian interests in property in the UK.

It is vital that we here in Thanet should under no circumstances be exposed to the white elephant which Manston would become, should it come to light that the on-going development of the cargo hub is dependent on monies rendered unavailable by sanctions. Additionally, it seems the current plans are that this proposed register will be applied retrospectively to cover investments in the 20 years prior to its enactment.

Under such circumstances it will be best for all concerned to be absolutely certain that the monies invested thus far in RSP via the various shell entities in the BVI will not fall foul of the sanctions so correctly (if belatedly) applied by this government.

I shall be writing direct to the Secretary of State for Transport, to Chris Bryant MP, to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to all other local MPs to raise this same point with them and draw their attention to the fact that the investors are at present hidden from scrutiny. I am sure you will agree that, given Russia's unjustifiable invasion of Ukraine and on-going breaches of human rights, it is vital we in the UK work together to ensure that no Russian money can be laundered or otherwise sequestered here.

Perhaps now is the time for all those planning to invest in Manston Airport to come out into the open so that everyone can satisfy themselves that the money has no associations of which Thanet MPs and Councillors could possibly be ashamed.

Yours sincerely, Deb Shotton

UK Parliament Disclaimer: this e-mail is confidential to the intended recipient. If you have received it in error, please notify the sender and delete it from your system. Any unauthorised use, disclosure, or copying is not permitted. This e-mail has been checked for viruses, but no liability is accepted for any damage caused by any virus transmitted by this e-mail. This e-mail address is not secure, is not encrypted and should not be used for sensitive data.

---

This email has originated from external sources and has been scanned by DfT's email scanning service.

---