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Hello

I am sorry for the lack of response. Yes i am happy for you to publish my response.

If it is not too late to add a further comment please take into account the following.

We are obviously concerned that Brittany Ferries would be in a strong position if they were to add the Le Havre route to their portfolio however the Competition Commission could retain the right to review the position 12 months prior to the end of the current charter arrangement with the vessels P & O are leasing. Also we would be very concerned that if the Competition Commission decided not to allow Brittany Ferries to take over the route that P & O would sub-lease one or both of the vessels to an operator from a different market such as the Baltic. The reduction in capacity on the Western channel would then leave Brittany Ferries in an even stronger position and would also affect peak season prices of holiday accommodation.

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