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First of all National Grid sent a representative to Thanet with their plan to build a Converter Station on Minster Marshes. Then after the meetings they produced a totally different plan which effectively doubled the size of the Converter Station and also increased the size and number of the pylons which they propose to put on the Marshes. This will cause a large number of avian deaths each year as this is an important migration route for birds crossing the English Channel. National Grid did not return to Thanet to discuss this major change to their proposal and there has been no further consultation with them.

National Grid are still making changes to their plans and the latest was on 16th September which they advised you that they now propose to use the old Hoverport on Pegwell Bay which is in the middle of an SSSI. So they will now be closing Pegwell Bay and Minster Marshes for 4 years with proposals with no consultation with the local people of Thanet. Also none of the wildlife organisations are able to dispute this because it is too late for them to respond. If I was a cynic I would say that National Grid always planned for this late change and you have conspired with them to make this possible. I can see now why you set the 18th September as the closing date. There is something rotten in the state of Denmark and you are at the centre of it. This whole process has been corrupt since the start.

Where is a democratic process in all this? Where is consultation? This is a private company with foreign shareholders and a greedy CEO who will retire once you have given the green light on this project so [REDACTED] can walk away with a multi-million pound final bonus and a knighthood from your boss, [REDACTED].

This whole process stinks. There is a massive conflict of interest. You should be independent not a Government department working for [REDACTED] who is in bed with National Grid. It's a disgrace and totally undemocratic.