

Firstly, I would like to point out how difficult it has been to access the open floor hearings. I am computer literate and thought I had registered to attend the Suffolk meeting virtually (this needed to be clarified by the inspectorate's office) and the Thanet one in person as I live in Minster; this didn't work. I did hear via social media about how to access both meetings virtually and did so. Having heard many of the submissions, I cannot understand why this matter even needs to be looked at. The cumulative effects of the various infrastructure projects at both sites will cause totally disproportionate harm, require huge engineering budgets due to the nature of the marsh and upgrading of the surrounding areas to be able to take the traffic movements safely. Has anyone calculated how long these sites will need to be operational before they are carbon neutral, if indeed they ever will be? If so, I cannot find it in any of the documents. One of the last white elephant projects in the area, the Thanet parkway station, is such a monumental failure in both cost and purpose that I feel lessons should be learned. This area cannot take any more ill-thought out 'infrastructure'.