

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to attend the hearing on 11th November at The Discovery Centre and for the opportunity to speak despite not booking a slot

My desire to protest the application of the national grid is made stronger having heard the speakers that were invited. I feel the assault on nature/wildlife is tragic but recognise there are people with far greater knowledge than I who can better represent that aspect of the application objection.

I was enormously grateful to an elderly gentleman ( ) who has farmed the area since a boy and was able to explain in easily understandable terms why this site is untenable as a building plot.

I have considered his points as a former builder and feel that it would be madness to try and build anything on this ground much less an enormous rigid building extending to several acres.

You wouldn't park your car on quick sand and this is essentially the same thing.

The fact that the land is unsuitable to building is the very reason it is the perfect nature reserve.

To compensate for attempting to build on an unsuitable site National Grid intends to truck in many thousands of tons of aggregate which I understand will be shipped to Ramsgate and transferred to HGV's.

The logistics will involve thousands of journeys going up hill through Ramsgate town on unsuitable roads and navigating roundabouts barely capable of sustaining the free flow of cars as it is, then travelling along unsuitable narrow coastal roads to access a narrow and unproven approach road/track to access the old hoverport which is covered in fragile 40 year old sea battered concrete.

The intention is to store the aggregate before some time later repeating the process to tip on site.

I am unable to comprehend why so many resources should be expended and so many people detrimentally affected simply because of a choice of site which is clearly unfit for purpose. This could easily be avoided by choosing a much more appropriate site on which the proposed building would be viable

Have the citizens of Ramsgate been made aware of the significant increase in traffic and pollution that will inevitably arise from this decision?

The entire surrounding area will suffer traffic delays as a result of significant increases in HGV traffic on road infrastructure poorly equipped and not designed to take it.

The newly opened Thanet Parkway high speed station will be affected with commuters and tourists alike suffering delays. Manston Airport may also be affected by the delays and diverting traffic which would be a shame as I understand they are formulating plans to expand. Have the owners of this site been made aware?

Westwood Cross may also be affected by local traffic seeking alternative routes to avoid congestion.

I feel strongly that the proposal should be refused permission it is poorly considered and the enormous lengths to which National Grid are prepared to go and the knock on effect to people's health and surroundings are easily avoided by choosing a suitable site elsewhere.

Best

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