

I am really anti this development and all it stands for. I have just finished a 10 year term as group leader for the RSPB Thanet Local Group and I have a life long love of birds and wildlife. In my term in office I grew the group to 190 members and I can speak on their behalf and confirm that we all disapprove. We use this area for recreation and relaxation. There is so much talk and rightfully so that people need more access to nature for their well being whilst at the same time others seem hell bent on driving it away and covering it in concrete and cladding for a very short term gain!

I have over the years tried hard to get TDC to understand the value to nature and the people of Thanet that Pegwell Bay, the Hoverport which has developed in to a fantastic wildlife area of its own since Hoverloyd left. We struggle to keep Wind Surfers, Walkers and Dog walkers off the sands, Drone flyers and river boats from getting too close to the Seals in an area which has for a long time been a SSSI and an area which has 5 designations of protection.

We keep quiet about the scrub and trees that lie to the west which has little public access and yes we have lead walks there and yet it holds breeding Nightingales, is a great place to see Cuckoos and hear both Common Whitethroat and Lesser Whitethroats sing every spring. Hidden in there are Long-eared Owls and a small heronry which Little Egrets have recently joined and if just left as is both Cattle Egrets and Great White Herons will also breed. Would it be too much to anticipate Night Herons and Spoonbills both of which are expanding their range joining them?

And beyond that are Minster Marshes now very important to wintering waders and duck as other sites in Kent and the South East have been trashed by development. This just cannot be allowed to continue.

How can a large corporation just bowl up and think it can destroy all this? And use tax payers money? The system is broken.

Why do we have protection in the first place?

Once this is lost it is lost, it is far too precious to let that happen. It is now time to make a stand and get this area properly designated and moved out of the hands of those who care more about money than nature.

'Once its gone its gone' fits so aptly here. Others have provided details and figures I personally don't have access to but this is currently a marsh, it was once an open channel used by the Romans and with global sea level rises this is likely to happen again.

It is just preposterous that any development on this site and Minster Marshes should be considered. The ongoing costs to keep it dry and likely to overwhelm any benefits of offshore wind let alone the costs of destruction and movement of materials to build such an enormous building.

The development once finished is not going to be quiet and a hum will emanate which will keep wildlife at bay far beyond the boundaries. The area of devastation will be incredibly large and yet even more is planned. This is so far beyond fool hardy and unacceptable that I really can't believe that it is still being considered.

Please stop it in its tracks.