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I am deeply concerned about the impending plans by National Grid to compulsorily purchase the former Ramsgate hoverport for the Sea Link pipeline.

The old hoverport might appear as nothing more than a lump of old concrete on a map, but it is more than that. It is a truly special place, cradled within unique surroundings.

This area isn't merely land; it's a sanctuary for nature, a place where we, as a community, can connect with the environment and experience its wonders.

The thought of losing such a valuable and irreplaceable space is devastating.

We must also consider the impact that heavy machinery and prolonged construction activities will have on this environment. The noise generated by such operations won't just disrupt the serene atmosphere; it will drive away the very organisms and wildlife we cherish. Noise pollution poses a significant threat that extends beyond the physical environment. It will add stress to residents and wildlife alike.

In a world brimming with constant noise and activity, the hoverport is a rare oasis where you can hear your own heartbeat. The gentle silence of nature around the old hoverport is breathtaking, something I truly cherish. While beautiful beaches and coastlines surround us, this spot holds a magic that no other location in or around Thanet can replicate.

It's a haven where I have personally found solace on my own healing journey, taking daily bike rides and appreciating the magnificent tidal mudflats.

I fondly remember school trips to the old hoverport, filled with learning and exploration, and I have shared these experiences with my own children and, one day, my grandchildren.

For many of us, this space has been a refuge—a place for walking, cycling, or simply enjoying a picnic Let us not lose this vibrant space.

Let's protect the old but beautiful hoverport—not just for ourselves, but for the sake of our health, happiness, and of future generations.