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Proposed Sealink Project

Dear Examiners,

Here is my sister's Angela Cressey's Open floor hearing statement, which she read out on 11/11/2025, and some additional comments that she wanted to add. We have both been unable to send these via the Have your Say form, so I am sending them via email for her. Please carefully consider these comments.

Kind regards,
Caroline Pope

OPEN FLOOR HEARING STATEMENT ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2025

I wish I could make you care as much about Thanet's wildlife, Nature, Residents, and future generations as I do, because if you did, you would never allow 3 of our beautiful, diverse and vital wetlands to be damaged and destroyed forever in the name of so called Green Energy and the careless and reckless rush for Net Zero!

My family moved to Thanet when I was 5, and this has been a beautiful place to grow up in. Thanet has always attracted holidaymakers galore, coming here for its lovely beaches and characterful towns, separated by fields of crops.

Pegwell Bay has always been a special place where many migrating birds could find rest and shelter, moving to Minster Marshes when the tide was high.

Recently, I have witnessed Thanet's fields being ripped up and covered in concrete and brick as hundreds upon hundreds of

houses go up, causing immense chaos on our crowded roads and services, and pushing out the wildlife that lived there! As if this wasn't bad enough, horror of horrors, now National Grid wants to take not 1, not 2, but 3 of Thanet's very few wildlife havens! Pegwell Bay was damaged by the Nemo Link in 2019 and hasn't fully recovered; now it is to be damaged again! Minster Marshes is home to so many creatures.... Birds, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and insects, plus flora and fauna. Many of these are rare and will not survive this destruction.

The beautifully rewilded hoverport is an amazing place to visit, with easy access to the public, including the disabled!

The people and wildlife of Thanet desperately need and deserve to keep these 3 remaining wildlife areas protected and cherished for our and future generations.

There is always a better way to Green energy and Net Zero. Destroying Thanet's few last remaining truly wild and diverse wildlife sanctuaries is horrific and should never have even been considered.

Also, very worryingly if our country is drawn into war, a huge Converter station on the marshes would be a desirable and easy target! If it were bombed, it would cause massive power cuts and chaos. Also, the nearby Battery storage facility, if bombed, would result in massive fires, incredibly hard to control and put out!

This seems to be very badly thought out to me. Surely if we could somehow spread around how our energy is sourced, for example by putting Solar panels on every new build roof, large buildings, central reservations on motorways etc., the risks would be far less as well as sparing our wildlife and environment.

Also, why allow one large company, not even British, to monopolize our energy supply? This is a very dangerous

strategy in my humble opinion.

The publicity for what National Grid is proposing for Thanet's prime wildlife areas has been almost non-existent, leaving a small group of people from Save Minster Marshes to do their utmost to inform the public! A huge amount of people in Thanet are still unaware of this devastating and massively destructive thing that could soon be forced upon us!

The silence from National Grid is deafening as they go about their plans!

Please, Examiners, for these reasons and so many more, advise the Government against these proposals!

Additional comments,

Humans think they are the most intelligent species on this planet. If this was really true then why are so many hell bent on destroying it?

What makes us think it's ok to keep destroying more and more of our Natural world? We were all put on this planet to co-exist in a beautiful, diverse world, but now wildlife have only around 4% of our planet left to try to survive in! Us humans have taken or destroyed the rest!

Please examiners, for these reasons and so many more, advise against these proposals!