

I am very angry that this project was allowed to even get off the ground. What is happening to this country when so called 'net zero' by 2030 and profit are superceding nature and our precious bio diversity. Minster Marshes and Pegwell Bay are one of the last bio diverse areas in Thanet.

I believe there are other potential sites which are less vulnerable to the decimation of nature. I have heard this site has been chosen because it is cheaper. Not a good enough reason!

Minster Marshes and Pegwell Bay are 2 SSSI areas which are supposed to be protected. National Grid's mitigation proposals are non sensical.

I fully support the goal of achieving net zero with green energy. Obviously this is the way forward. But its got to be done in rhythm with nature and not at its expense. With such a short sighted approach and lack of appropriate thought and planning there will be deep regrets from future generations.

Why even consider building the converter station on existing wetland? Flooding already naturally occurs in the area. But this ugly carbuncle on the landscape is going to make this worse. It is going to be bigger than Dover Castle and made taller than originally thought for this reason alone.

It is also going to be a major light and sound polluter in the area and a blight on the landscape.

As for the poor wildlife are they getting a look in? I don't think so. Minster Marshes is one of the last sites in England for species such as skylarks and nightingales. And with more pylons being built and some taller than the existing ones many species of bird risk death and injury colliding with these monstrosities.

Much of Thanet has a fragile economy and relies heavily on tourism. This will be decimated by the development. There will be at least 4 years of disruption caused by heavy lorries carrying ton after ton of aggregate to the sites. And viewing that ugly converter and associated structures across the bay at Pegwell will put people off holidaying in the area.

Please have a conscious and rethink this project and build it on a less vulnerable area. Making a profit for share holders should not be the first priority. Nature and life itself should be. We shall not have a decarbonised society if nature is not paramount. Everything is interconnected.

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