

Good afternoon

My name is George cooper

I'm the founder of SMM

I am speaking as an individual

My aim is to get the Sea link project moved to a less environmentally damaging site preferably a brown field site.

I have worked in the construction industry for 47 yrs.

So I have a good knowledge of the industry

I have been a site manager and have worked on projects such as the channel Tunnel.

I have had the privilege of going to MM for 52 years and have worked as a part time Gamekeeper there for approximately 25 yrs. I have an in-depth knowledge of the marsh and the wildlife that lives and visits there.

We have been recording the wildlife on M.M for many years and have extensive records of what is really there.

A lot of the surveys used by N.G are desktop surveys and do not show a true picture of what is there.

Just in the last year we have recorded Beavers are now present in the waterways bordering the

Converter site. What mitigation measures have been put in place by N.G concerning the Beavers.

N.G Mitigation site for the loss of land at M.M is totally inadequate

It is surrounded by industry, light pollution a Main road people living in House boats and crisscrossed by powerlines

The choice of MM for the Sea Link Kent Converter Station I believe to be fundamentally flawed.

In Guidelines it states when choosing sites for Electrical Infrastructure projects.

I quote

That sites that are boggy and prone to flooding should not be considered

unquote

It's a Marsh and formerly an Estuary

we can already see in the changes to N.G plans for the Kent converter station and the ongoing ground survey works that N.G are trying to make the site look suitable.

It isn't and never will be.

The choice of M.M for this project I believe to be solely based on the proximity to Richborough Energy Park and the Nemo Link.

And has totally ignored the problems which will and are being found with the site choice.

Already at M.M N.G survey works are causing Environmental damage and problems for the people using the area for recreation and business.

I and others have reported this to the relevant bodies.

have the problems arising from placing a huge source of electromagnetic interference in close proximity to an Air Port been fully investigate.

N.G have stated on numerous occasions that they have a duty to bill and taxpayers to build this project the most economical way.

Their ongoing refusal to really consider alternative sites will not only incur huge costs to the people of this country. But will cause irreparable damage to a fragile environment and the wildlife that calls it home.

On this Armistice Day

How Would the Men and women who gave their lives in two World Wars feel about N.G Proposed plans to Destroy the Countryside they Loved and Died For.

We Shall Remember Them.

