

I am writing this to show my concern that National Grid are hoping to use the former Hoverport at Pegwell Bay during the building process of the Converter Station on Minster Marshes. Which I also am opposing.

Over the years the Hoverport has rewilded and has been used by numerous breeds of birds including Peregrine falcons, Herons and wading sea birds. My family and I, often go to the Hoverport to escape the increasingly built on and busy Thanet to enjoy the wild spaces of the rewilded Hoverport. We have seen Lizard Orchids and Bee Orchids growing on the Hoverport site. It is a precious piece of wild land which we need to preserve.

The hoverport is breaking up and the surface of the hoverport is now very fragile. Putting heavy vehicles on it will increase the escape of the Coal which has been buried underneath, (the waste from local mining).

Thanet is a really nature depleted area and we need to fight for every piece of green site that is left. For our wildlife and our mental health. It is also assessable to wheelchair uses, so this is an important consideration too. As a wheelchair user can get right up to the waters edge, without being stuck in sandy mud.

I'm also concerned that using the former Hoverport will damage the fragile saltmarsh. With run off from the construction storage site and vehicle movement, the breaking up of the ports surface and disused coal waste escaping, all have the potential of polluting the Bay.

The Hoverport is home to numerous birds, animals and plants and full ecological surveys should be carried out before it is touched.

My mum also lives near the Viking Ship and we are worried about the amount of heavy vehicle movements on the Hoverport site and the roads between Cliffsend and Minster. The traffic noise and construction noise will have a huge impact on the house owners near to the Hoverport and also along the route into Minster. Also the Lord of the Manor roundabout is not the easiest to negotiate at the best of times, without the extra amount of large vehicles that will be having to use it, to get to and from Minster. This proposal really hasn't been thought through at all. It is totally wrong for the area and completely in the wrong place.

Please rethink this whole scheme and find a more suitable site on a brown field site, for example the Isle of Grain or Dungeness.