

The Isle of Thanet is a unique part of the UK which only local residents understand fully. Three sides of Thanet are surrounded by water and high tides affecting our coastline and River Stour by Minster Marshes. Sandwich is prone to flooding and will certainly be affected badly if this project is allowed to go ahead.

As a resident in the Cliffsend and Pegwell constituency, I am frequently close to tears every time I read about the potential destruction of my local area, proposed by the National Grid/ Sealink proposals and controversial/contradictory changes. Additionally, a problem that I think is being continually ignored is, because of the nature of the site, the marsh is often under water as, in fact, due to the recent wet weather, (January 2026), the Minster Marshes site is all currently under water! It seems to have stopped any (authorised/unauthorised?) preparatory work visibly going on in the area, as it is flooded! I believe photographic and drone footage will be submitted to prove how totally unsuitable this site is. Please don't ignore it!

A list of protected rare and endangered species living in both Pegwell Bay and Minster Marshes areas has already been submitted by several people. It breaks my heart that these lists seem to be irrelevant and unimportant to National Grid and Sealink. Their lack of care and consideration in their Nemo project is an example of it. Pegwell Bay has never fully recovered. The hoverport apron's concrete is cracking, with toxic chemicals starting to escape into the area, including arsenic! I would advise, even urge the Examiners to revisit Minster Marshes again, after a wet spell. Knowledgeable working farmers in the area, experts of the land, seem to have been ignored. I heard them explain why, at the Open Hearings at Discovery Park, no matter how deep a base is put, by 20 years, the whole construction on the marsh will have sunk! So, it will have been a total waste of millions of pounds. Who is listening? I strongly object to this project.