

I am not only worried about the highly detrimental impact to the biodiversity of Minster Marshes and Pegwell Bay, but as a resident of Thanet I am extremely concerned about how the construction project will affect the flood risks of the local area. The UK is now 7% wetter than 40 years ago, with sea levels rising by 1.6cm. We are seeing an increase in flooding on UK shores, not only due to rising sea levels but due to the degradation of the land's natural defence mechanisms, including salt marshes. The risk of flooding is a serious concern for coastal residents, particularly in the Minster area, and elsewhere on the Thanet coast, not only due to a significant risk to property and life, but the erosion of vital wildlife habitats, and loss of biodiversity that will have long term ramifications.