

I am a local Thanet resident and I strongly oppose the proposed works at Minster Marshes. I regularly run through this area and the beauty, peace, quiet and abundance of wildlife are genuinely life-affirming. It is one of the few places locally where you can experience a truly natural landscape.

I also often visit the marshes with my daughter to look at the birds and horses. She is delighted by the calm, unspoilt nature of the area, especially in contrast to the increasingly built-up and noisy environments of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate. These marshes provide a rare sense of space, tranquillity and connection to nature.

Thanet is already under intense pressure from sprawling development, and the loss or damage of this saltmarsh would be irreversible. Once this environment is gone, it cannot be recreated. Places like Minster Marshes should be protected for future generations, not sacrificed.