

Myself and my multi-generational family are devastated by National Grid's proposal to use the old Hoverport as their construction & maintenance site for Sealink. We live overlooking the Hoverport & Pegwell Bay & this will have a catastrophic detrimental effect on our physical & mental health & that if our adult children & grandchildren plus our two Dalmatians. We are [REDACTED] & have over the last forty plus years used the old Hoverport Road to access the beach & Hoverport to walk our dogs daily. We have all swum in the sea, our children have canoed enjoyed watching the colony of seals swimming in the Bay, watched all the beautiful birds waders' rare fauna & flora including the rare Lizard orchid, sand lizards bats, migrating & native birds. Learning to identify the wildlife & learning empathy for nature not the destruction proposed by National Grid. Our children & grandchildren have made sandcastles on the beach, swum, searched for amber & fossils in the beach. Fished in the sea & respectful of nature released the fish back into the sea and enjoyed nature. National Grid will close access to the beach & Hoverport for years. The impact of construction noise, dust and vibration on ourselves and the fauna & flora deeply concerns us as a family. We no longer be able to enjoy the beautiful wild Hoverport which we have seen go from a derelict site to a peaceful haven for the wildlife and us. Our mental & physical health will be much affected. We will have noise and pollution constantly. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We are worried the construction noise & constant heavy traffic will have catastrophic impact on the value & structure of our home. Should we need to downsize we will be unable to sell our much loved home. Our two dogs will suffer greatly from the constant noise & we will no longer be able to exercise them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] whereas the Hoverport is literally on our doorstep. We are worried about the damage which will be caused to the salt marsh which is a source of carbon capture. National Grid gave not considered the loss of this local amenity will have on the residents of Cliffsend Pegwell nor the thousands of visitors & tourists who come to enjoy this unique wild space. Local businesses will suffer economically as who wants to eat & drink overlooking a construction site. National Grid say they are confident their equipment won't damage the Hoverport surface but they haven't carried out a structural integrity assessment. They haven't assessed the impact of colliery waste on which on old Hoverport is build leaching into the salt marsh & SSSI. They have not assessed the impact of their plans on the migratory birds, reptiles, bats, or nesting birds. This is all about National Grid using the cheapest option with no regard for the environment or well being of the residents & visitors to this area. It is all about them making money for their wealthy shareholders including overseas shareholders. There are other alternatives. Why are they not building next to Dungeness Power station where most of the infrastructure is in place. Please save Minster Marshes & Pegwell Bay from this environmental vandalism. Please save my multi-generational family from this catastrophic construction.