

Interested Party Reference number: [REDACTED]

Dear sir/madam

I would like to oppose the proposed expanded purchase and development of the old hover port at Ciffs End.

I feel that the approach by the developers and/or their agents has been designed to deceive and confuse.

I am aware of many local people who have objected to the original application to build a transfer station and thought that was all they needed to do most are unaware of the new additions, revisions and addendums that have been cheaply slipped in at a later date.

Would it be possible for the planning department to insist that a new application be submitted to include ALL revisions, and post that as a new application. The new application would supersede and over-rule ALL previous applications, changes, additions, etc.

As I am sure you are aware local people have lives to live and the constant bombardment of new revisions etc is exhausting to keep up much less to continually oppose, which I am sure, the proposers and/or agents are banking on for success. I feel this peace-meal approach is an underhand and unethical means to gaining what they want and which would ordinarily be refused.

The proposed additional site is directly opposite my house so naturally I would like the proposal refused on the grounds that the proposed work and vehicle movements throughout a long working day would be both noisy and disruptive and create traffic congestion.

In addition the house was purchased because my wife is suffering a diagnosed breathing disorder which we had hoped the fresh sea air would improve making breathing and therefore life easier. So to have large lorries dumping vast quantities of aggregates with all the dust and pollution that will inevitably be created will be very harmful to her health. The proposed location is also directly under the Viking Longboat a feature and tourist attraction the local residents are justifiably very proud of.

We have many visitors who come to admire and photograph both the ship and the surrounding area and nature reserve often making a day of it with a picnic and relatives including children.

There is a tradition of Kent schools making field trips to the longboat as part of a project or history lesson.

I feel the close proximity to a working site with large noisy, dusty HGV's would be a dangerous and most unsuitable place for children and indeed for the many visitors including car clubs motorcycle clubs and caravan owners who visit throughout the year. This would have a knock on detrimental effect for local businesses and the local economy.

The proposed site is an unsuitable location.

The old hoverport which was formally opened in May 1969 and since closed is an area of concrete that has been in place for over 50 years it has been exposed to the erosion of weather and sea and is therefore deteriorating.

It was never intended or designed to support the weight of wheeled heavy goods vehicles (hovercraft naturally spread their weight) and certainly not thousands of tons of aggregate.

To access the site vehicles have to drive down a narrow, winding and in places steep access road which was not designed or intended for HGVs. The access road is unsuitable for its proposed use.

The approach to the (unsuitable) access road is via a local village coastal road which includes several roundabouts which most cars seem to ignore because they are awkwardly placed with small access and departure lanes making them difficult to navigate. I feel it would be enormously difficult to successfully drive a large HGV along this road without mounting the roundabouts or pavements or both.

The pavements and cycle paths are frequently used by walkers, cyclists, horse riders and parents with toddlers or pushchairs.

I feel all these users sadly would be discouraged from using this beautiful local resource generously provided by the local council by the frequent passing of lorries on unsuitable roads and the potential for danger and accident.

Please help us to protect our health our wellbeing and our environment.