

I am writing to object to the Planning inspectorate allowing National Grid to change the Sealink proposals in relation to them compulsorily purchasing the Old Rewilded Hoverport site, and using this extensively in their plans! This is a major and substantial change to the original Sealink project proposals! And I do not think that this is a fair proposal or consultation!

If National Grid did their homework and had researched Salt Marshes, they would have realised that they were not totally static, so either this is just an underhand way to allow them to have full entitlement to use the old hoverport site however they want to, possibly for future proposed projects also, or it just shows a really low level of competence throughout this process! I do not believe that this planning application change should be allowed alongside this project as it is! Thanet District Council has already refused permission to use the old rewilded Hoverport site, as they realise how valuable it is to the wildlife, local people, businesses, and tourists.

The Sealink proposal was bad enough! Now, if this is allowed, it will add insult to injury and make a mockery of the fairness of the whole process! The Gunning principles initially were questionable; this is also questionable in my opinion, and is a major change to this proposed scheme!

I only found out about this proposal that National Grid wants to compulsorily purchase the old rewilded Hoverport site through the Save Minster Marshes Facebook page when someone put a post on about it! I live in Pegwell Bay and I often go for walks along this area and would have been totally oblivious to it if I wasn't paying a very active interest in the campaign to Save Minster Marshes and Pegwell Bay! I just find it so unbelievable and unjust that National Grid can try to sneak this in through planning without informing the public of this major addition to their plans! This must surely violate some law, and must not be allowed; otherwise, it will most definitely not be a fair consultation and will just lead the general public, like myself, to believe that we no longer have a fair and just, unbiased planning system!

There are so many locals, let alone other members of the public who are unaware of these major changes, and would be horrified, because there has been a very distinct lack of communication supplied in advance of this, and people are unaware of the time frame in which to object to it, and how to do this! I am therefore urging the Planning Inspectorate to reject this addition to the original proposal, as I feel that the whole project is changing in a very underhanded way!

National Grid, you must do better than this. The general public needs to be informed of any planned changes properly and given the information on how to comment on these in an unbiased, fair way! Adding substantial changes to a proposed planning application midway through the process is totally unfair and should not be allowed.