

Minster marshes is a critical ecological super highway connecting a site of special scientific interest with the rest of the country. It is home to hundreds of bird species many of which are on the endangered list. The National Grid are proposing to build across this vital landscape devastating the local ecology.

It is an haven where many species have been forced to live due to the excessive building elsewhere in Thanet.

Environmentalists have recently seen species such as barn owls, partridges, skylarks, grass hopper warbler, garden warbler, curlew, golden plover, Lapwings, Hen harrier, Marsh harrier, Yellow hammer, Sparrow hawk Jack snipe, Common snipe and turtle doves

Additionally living there are numerous reptiles and amphibians including grass snakes and slow worms. Brown hares and water voles also call this space home.

This area acts as another super highway connecting Pegwell Bay Nature Reserve with the rest of the south east and further afield. Not only offering long term residents a place to live but is vital in aiding migration patterns.

The National grid are proposing to use the site to build a huge converter station over 30 meters high covering several hectares. With its additional infrastructure of roads and pylons it will devastate the local ecology having a knock-on effect throughout the south east.

Please help stop this and raise awareness to the impact this build will have. There are other options available to the National grid this isn't the only available site but it is the cheapest and dirtiest. The only cost will be to our wildlife and loss to a rare bit of south east Kent.

Site of Scientific Special Interest (SSSI) and a Special area (SPA) and Ramsar.

An amazing place I see it nearly every day. Until now we have kept the wild life on Minster Marshes very secret because we want it to be left alone it is a flood plane, salt marsh. New pylons are a proven threat to birds as over the last 20 years or so many bird strikes have seen the removal of a few overhead lines already as added markers failed to stop collisions. Converter stations hum 24/7 affecting impacting locals. The flood plane is disappearing rapidly as I speak despite government warnings about climate change and water levels.

I am not against green energy but I am against the cost alone for an excuse when I see countries like the Netherlands able to build infrastructure such as underground. I am just an ordinary resident trying to convince somebody it's not the best option.

Loss of habitat and amenities, damage the salt marsh.

Loss of yet more open space in a once wild natural part of east Kent which gradually affects our mental stresses and well being.

Worry of the effect of noise and construction for such a long period for all of us including wildlife.