

Dear Sirs

I live in Cliffsend and moved here 11 years ago. Cliffsend was a peaceful haven along the coast and close to wildlife. I have enjoyed the peace and tranquility of my walks along the Hoverport and Nature Reserve in Pegwell Bay. Only last week I could see seals basking on the sand banks at low tide and a peregrine falcon was on the salt marsh. Flocks of Lapwings roost in the marsh at this time of year before their migration.

Our village is short of amenities and the Viking Ship cafe and Nord are places for the community to meet. If roads are closed and the business fold, we will lose the few places to meet and enjoy the environment.

I am sickened at the thought of five years of construction. The noise and disruption from heavy traffic and road closures will cut off our lifeline. This is going to be hell for the residents of Cliffsend.

Our house prices have dropped and it is difficult to move to avoid the disruption.

The folly of trying to build on the salt marsh, which is a flood plain, and at sea level on unstable ground that was part of the Wantsum Chanel is beyond belief. There is no access there and it has never been built on for good reason. The Romans had more sense building on higher ground. With sea levels rising, or a storm surge like in 1953 this whole area could be underwater.

This is causing me much distress with the wholesale destruction of our environment, our wild life and loss of valuable farmland in the madness of net zero.

Janet Bevan.