

From Margarita Moscoso Interested party no. [REDACTED], 19th January 2026

I am submitting my views regarding the proposed 'changes to access at the Hoverport'.

I am a resident of Ramsgate and whilst I love the town I frequently need to escape to open, natural landscapes and the Hoverport is one such local amenity that I am fortunate enough to be able to enjoy, and the only one when high tide makes it impossible to access the beach.

The area of the Hoverport helps me restore my [REDACTED] in an otherwise concrete prison. It is also a living example of how nature can outlive and withstand the damage that so called modern living can inflict on nature and, therefore, us. How can any company private or otherwise possibly be able, and allowed, to remove this facility for a number of years without any financial guarantee that it will be returned in a comparative state. And of course, now they don't want to return all of it!

National Grid, furthermore, appears to be treating the whole process of the DCO with utter contempt by the piecemeal, drip by drip, method of approaching their application. Did the NG actually know what it was applying for when it started down this road? I fear that the sheer lack of seriousness and approach to this DCO shows a lack of intent and professionalism that should worry everyone. Put simply, what a sloppy, lazy, badly researched application!

The Hoverport is now home to a variety of wild life that has moved in over the years as the hovercraft and human activity left. Not only the fauna but the amazing resurgence of flora in the area is impressive. What will their fate be?

Have any environmental or ecological surveys been carried out at the Hoverport? What will the impact of heavy lorries and machinery just travelling over what is left of the ever thinning tarmac be even should no construction work be carried out there, and, what effect is that likely to have on Pegwell Bay. Does it not count that the area is supposedly protected by its status as an SSSI site?

Not far from the Hoverport is the mouth of the River Stour and half way between the two the area where the local grey seals live. Has there been any consideration of possible impact on the seal colony?

So many questions and so few answers. All these questions should have been the basis of a thorough investigation carried out by professionals on behalf, and paid for by, National Grid. Instead they wait for us to object and raise these issues and then address them. Very sloppy in my opinion.

With regards to mitigation, we still have the scar left by the NEMO line and the breach into sweet water marsh.

When I think of NG's plans I feel sick and my response has to be "not in my name".

I hope, and pray, that the Inspectorate will refuse this application and plan.

Thank you for listening (reading) my views.