

The hovercraft area now acts as a buffer for the Pegwell salt marshes which have three designations of protection Ramsar (an international designation), Special Protection Area (of national repute) and SSSI (site of special scientific interest) and the old hoverport is therefore important both as a novel biodiverse site and a buffer protection for the Pegwell Bay National Nature Reserve

National Grid's proposal under consideration, to use the old hovercraft area (for construction uses) will both destroy most of this area and likely make the protected salt marsh more vulnerable to pollution from machine plant and materials used by contractors if the proposed Minster Marshes massive connector facility – the National Grid Sea Link project – goes ahead.

The whole thing makes a mockery of protection designations for nature and the report last week by the governments own 'Office of Environment Protection' slams the government on its poor record of nature protection and enhancement.

So called "green energy" destroying a green site is quite frankly a sick joke. The fact that this project is even being considered demonstrates that this Government has no respect for either the environment or the people of Thanet.

I have two major concerns regarding this matter:

Firstly, I do not believe that the Planning Inspectorate has the expertise to challenge National Grid's Sea Link project and Secondly, Ed Miliband's team have all been given National Grid shares and therefore have a vested interest in this project going ahead as this will be hugely profitable to this company which has a very poor record of repairing damage which they have caused. You only have to see the problems that they left behind from the last time they dug up Pegwell Bay.

From a personal point of view I will not be able to take my grand children bird spotting on Pegwell for 4 years and after that will the birds return? Such a loss and no benefit whatsoever to the people who live or visit Pegwell Bay. Just another nail in the coffin of local democracy.