

I have been totally against the SEALINK project from the beginning because of its ill thought out sites of construction. I am not against moving towards net zero concerning our energy consumption. I am against building on SSSI sites of rare biodiversity and became particularly incensed when recently we have found out the use of the hoverport is changing in respect to this project. There has been lack of transparency here and a detailed construction plan was only issued after the Change Request consultation closed. Why was this?

I have lived in Ramsgate for a number of years and Pegwell Bay and the old hover port have always been my family and friends 'go to' places for several reasons:

1) It is a very good place to walk and observe the natural world close up and the re wilding that is going on around the old hover port. You can see birds such as lapwings and oyster catchers and many plants springing up as if by magic in the cracks of the disused tarmac. These include pampas grass, buddleja and rare orchids such as the lizard orchid.

2) I sometimes come here alone to clear my head or if I want solace. I find being in nature good for my health and well being.

3) I also may come here with a friend [REDACTED]. She finds this area around the old hover port quite accessible and meets her needs in terms of bird observation. This is because she can travel to the water's edge and observe them from there. As observing birds is one of her passions being able to do this makes her life more meaningful. It helps greatly because she leads quite a restrictive life [REDACTED].

The old hover port is not a brown field site. Proper ecological surveys would show this. It is teaming with life.

Do the right thing and put the natural world and essential biodiversity first before profit.

PLEASE RETHINK SEALINK