

I have read the details of the scale of the works needed to bring the cables into Pegwell Bay and then to Minster Marshes and the timescale of up to 2032 for work to be completed. The scale of the operation, the number of vehicles and mass of machinery required is exceptional and will engulf the Pegwell Bay nature reserve. This area is very important to the people of South Thanet and beyond for its benefits in terms of leisure and therapeutic benefits. It is an SSSI. It has the largest group of seals in Kent and the South East. It hosts birds which are not generally resident in other parts of the South East. Thousands of people, including those that live in the area and those that visit, use Pegwell Bay for rest and recuperation. The area will be unfit for use through the 5 years of this project which is unacceptable. There are many other areas on the South East/South coast which have less wildlife to protect, which are not a designated SSSI and which should be where this project takes place, NOT in Pegwell Bay. I can fully see why National Grid want to use this area, it's the closest to Europe and to the other end of the cabling in Suffolk - this is not a good enough reason, being the cheapest option is not a right or fair reason, to decimate an important area of conservation, wildlife and public benefit.