

Relating to the increased use of the Hoverport for construction equipment. The hoverport is adjacent to the SSSI and as a lay person who uses the hoverport as a place to walk, to experience the surroundings, the wildlife, flora and fauna, I find it remarkable that any company would consider moving heavy equipment across the crumbling concrete surface. The surface, built I believe on colliery spoil, is not at all stable and will surely result in the breaking up of the substrata which will end up polluting the sea. Parts of it are already being undermined by tidal action. Once hundreds of tons of machinery and vehicles trundle across it, it will surely break up and destroy valuable wildlife habitats; there are scores of fish species, shellfish, and sea plants. The seals, birds, and other wildlife depend on the shallows of that part of Pegwell Bay for food, and as breeding grounds. It is one of the few places close to the sea where people with disabilities can get close to the water. The whole idea of building anything on Minster Marshes is beyond belief just to save a few million pounds for their investors.