

Submission to Planning Inspectorate - Any other business. 30.01.2026

Adrian Smith on behalf of wildlife without a voice and ordinary people.

I attended the Compulsory purchase hearing on Tuesday 27.01.2026 by Teams link and would like to make the following comments as I am unable to attend the satellite venue in Sandwich, when this could be scheduled, as I feel sure it would be designated for AOB on Friday when I am travelling to Manchester.

The agenda was discussed by the planning inspectorate and the applicant in great detail and with reference to various documents taken as understood by the participants whether they be King's Council or Planning Inspectors, all of whom are experts in their particular fields. I would like to remind you that the decisions you are making will affect hundreds of thousands of ordinary people, who may not understand the intricacies or indeed the terminology of the process. There was an instance early on where the applicant was given 5 minutes to talk, which he did admirably, but during those 5 minutes, I am not sure he actually said anything! The process may take longer if plain English is used, rather than reference numbers, but surely with a decision of this magnitude, this is the least we deserve?

The decisions will certainly affect the rest of my life and directly impinge on my daily life by increase in HGV traffic, loss of habitat for numerous species, potential closure, or restriction of Pegwell Bay Country Park and probably loss of value of my property.

There were numerous "action points" for the applicant to take away, which would indicate that they have not prepared thoroughly enough to anticipate points that the Planning Inspector will pick up upon. They are allowed time to rectify their submissions, surely, we, as the people it will affect adversely, should be afforded a similar courtesy to ensure we understand what is going on in our neighbourhood which will shape our lives for years to come. The entire process is streamlined for people who understand all of the processes, the man on the street does not, yet it is he and the voiceless wildlife who will bear the brunt of these decisions, made on their behalf, by people whose daily lives are unlikely to be affected unless they actually live in the areas designated for these plans.

Thank you.