

I am absolutely sickened by the continued desecration of the Minster Marshes by constant exploratory tests, resulting in damage to the ground and wildlife.

Minster Marshes and the old hoverport site at Pegwell Bay are home to a significant number of rare birds most of which most are on the UK red bird protected list. Hundreds if not thousands of birds will either be killed or driven away. Creating a green space to encourage birds once you have destroyed their habitat is counterproductive and absolutely not 'green'. Removing natural habitat with endangered birds and wildlife and sealife will have a devastating effect on the local ecosystem.

Thanet and the surrounding areas have one of the lowest percentage of green spaces in the entire UK. We have our coastline and marshes instead. Taking these away using the cheapest option to connect so called green electric systems will completely devastate the only area we have, vital for our area and our generation to come. We know the effect of the installation of the electric power lines already in place, killed hundreds of mute swans, just heartbreaking. We have already suffered a huge amount if swan deaths due possibly to contaminated water in this area. These plans are a total disregard of local ecosystems for pure profit. We will have nothing left.

I work in Children's Mental Health, spending time outside is proved to be vital in improving wellbeing and mental health. We will have no areas left of peaceful tranquility whilst observing all the wealth of wildlife we have, all for profit! We know there are other options but this one is the cheapest. Riding roughshod over an area of one of the highest levels of poverty and deprivation for profit, the benefit of which will not be passed on to the local residents is just unforgivable. I am surprised this plan is legal, considering the level of destruction planned. Completed by an organisation who quite likely not living in this area. We absolutely must preserve what we have. I am sickened by the total disregard for such a huge project and the effect it will have on people, wildlife and the ecosystems we have.

I implore you to reconsider, moving the plans elsewhere to avoid destroying our area for the cheapest option available. I hope that National Grid have a conscience and stop any plans in this area.