

As a RTC councillor I wish to submit some concerns.

RTC attempts to encourage residents to make use of our wide open spaces including the Pegwell Bay/ Hoverport area. This area has unique flora and fauna linked to the wider ecology of this area, resulting from the rewinding of the last 30 years.

There is considerable risk of pollution at the site which the NG has not addressed in the form of the fragile hoverport base built on colliery spoil, this is a significant environmental hazard. There is a potential risk of water pollution which is of considerable concern to the public as is the depositing of plastics and synthetics at sea.

I am concerned about the loss of amenity of the hoverport myself and many others regularly use this area for walks and bird watching and the biodiversity will be severely impacted. There seems to have been little thought put into the choice of this site other than convenience.

There are issues in relation to water management particularly in an area that is prone to flooding and my fear is discharges into the Stour or Minster stream because of the inadequacies of a SUD system, are there alternative plans?

There are also concerns around fire risk would the fire service be able to cope with a major incident in one area, insufficient water plus insufficient pressure, if there was a fire in more than one location.

A recent incident in the tunnel highlighted problems and health and safety issues that would arise from the delivery of equipment and gravel, the road at the cliff top is already fragile and totally inappropriate for heavy use.

There is also the concern relating to combined developments around the site and their cumulative impact on the proposed site and there needs to be a full and comprehensive assessment of the risk. There also needs to be an assessment of light and noise pollution and the visual impact.

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