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As you are aware the people of Thanet no longer have representation in Parliament regarding National Grid's proposed rape of these two nationally important areas. The timing of this could not be worse and the community here has lost all faith in democracy and fairness. I am also concerned that regardless of your decision National Grid has not only been given the go ahead but have actually commenced work digging up Minster Marsh under the pretext that they are doing an archeological survey to which there is no evidence. A bit like the Japanese doing their scientific surveys of whales and then eating them.

I see more and more that this Government is over-ruling your decisions when you decide that a project is unsuitable which goes against normal democratic principals and makes a mockery of the whole planning process. National Grid have told numerous lies about this project and their real reason for going ahead with it has been hidden. It's all about buying and selling electricity from Europe and nothing to do with Net Zero. I also do not understand the tax payers footing the bill for this project via ofgem this seems like a conflict of interest as they are acting as an investor and a regulator and working for National Grid.

So we've got yourselves; ofgem; the Minister all working to help a mostly foreign owned monopolistic company make profits for itself with no risk because the taxpayers will ultimately foot the bill. This is a stitch up like HS2 and the water companies and the banks when they failed and you are going to allow this to or already have this to happen. Shame on you. The wildlife being lost on the marsh and Pegwell Bay cannot be replaced but that is of no interest to this Government. So goodbye Corn Buntings, Golden Plovers; Beavers; Grey Seals; Woodpeckers; Owls etc etc

What fools we were in Thanet to believe that our voice matters. What a joke! I used to believe this country was a democracy. How naive I was!

I can hardly be bothered to say anymore . I am not disappointed or surprised I just feel sad for future generations who will pay the price for the ill advised and unattainable Net Zero projects that you and this Government are approving.

The Prime Minster has been made aware that National Grid have already got 3 tractors digging up the Marsh but I do not expect any positive from him as he is now based in Manchester.

One final point I would like to make is that when National Grid dug up Pegwell the last time the damage they caused is still there for all to see. When we challenged them on this they

put the blame onto the sub-contractors and therefore nothing to do with them. This time they have sub-contracted the work to Siemens so once again National Grid will be in the clear if any untoward and authorized damage is caused.

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