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Dear Madam

I have read through many of the documents submitted in response and am concerned that the applicant, National Grid continues on the whole to prevaricate when addressing important environmental issues relating to Minster Marshes and Pegwell Bay. Any commitment to avoid damage or to mitigate harm is always qualified in the applicant's favour. I have no confidence that our precious environment will be respected or protected from harm.

Benthic Mitigation Plan - this must be fully developed and agreed prior to any damage being inflicted.

Chalk habitat - any damage to this cannot be classed as minor or not relevant as it is a permanent habitat loss of a rare ecosystem. A habitat that should be protected at all cost.

Definition of Emergency Use of Pegwell Hovercraft Site - I do not understand or support any use of this site during the Sealink Project.

Design of converter station - I cannot understand how the application can be approved without a confirmed design.
National Grid have had years to develop the design and to study the area to present the most aesthetically acceptable design. One that blends into the open landscape as much as possible.

Breeding season - there still seems to be confusion on when and how work and noise can occur. It seems to me that we can only protect the breeding birds when it suits the applicant. It is extremely important that we do not disturb nesting birds in this sensitive area. It is a protected site for a reason and there are many endangered species relying on it.

Collision monitoring - there are so many flocks of birds that fly over the area where the new pylons will be placed. It is absolutely essential that diverters are in place from day one. It is inconceivable that we would monitor bird strikes and only place them if numbers increase.

Exclude works at Pegwell Bay during the winter period - this is an internationally important site for overwintering migratory birds. No work must be carried out during winter. This is crucial for the wellbeing of the birds.

Human Health and Wellbeing - use of Marsh Lane for HGV - this will have a huge impact on Minster. Just one HGV can cause absolute chaos in the village, blocking it for through traffic. Why is the use of this Lane being considered at all? The only access into and out of the village is through narrow country lanes or roads with many parked cars. Marsh Lane is at

the very bottom of the village and is not a through road. This Lane is used by many walkers to access footpaths and the river Stour. I cannot emphasise enough the disruption this will cause. It's only in the so called Autumn
Community Update from National Grid that this has been identified.

Community mitigation payments - derisory.

Yours sincerely

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