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Please take this e-mail as confirmation that I would like to attend and speak at the open floor hearing on 16th July 2019.

The issues I would like to raise are summarised below:

Whilst I don't believe that the Graveney Marshes is the right place for a solar power station for many reasons, I will leave others to expand on those.

My biggest fear is that it will go ahead on the current proposed terms which do not include anything which is beneficial to the local communities who will have to live with it.

What I wish to speak about is my vision for the land to be opened up to give access to walkers and cyclists. It seems to be a golden opportunity for Government to set the bar in terms of expectations on developers of such large scale schemes (of which there will likely be many more!) to provide something amazing for communities.

There is already a national cycle network which goes through Graveney, although currently uses the main road through the village to Seasalter. This is an opportunity to divert that cycle path using existing farm tracks so that an off road route can be created from Faversham to Seasalter. A network of paths and tracks could provide an asset to the local area and encourage families from both Faversham and Seasalter as well as from further afield to visit the area, in line with local policy to support tourism.

Opening up the land to such uses will be invaluable and will encourage wildlife exploration, fitness, tourism and wellbeing. It is an opportunity that should not be missed.

And with one of the big issues locally is the effect on the local roads of the through traffic during construction and potentially ongoing, this is an opportunity to keep our cyclists safe without them needing to use that main road which is currently part of the national cycle infrastructure.

In addition I would like to raise the point that the developers should be made to put in a proper pedestrian walkway between the villages of Goodnestone and Graveney. These villages are together in name and known as 'Goodnestone & Graveney' however it is already dangerous to walk between the two villages on the main road and this will be made worse with the additional construction traffic. This is an opportunity to really benefit the villagers so that school children, church goers, the elderly and disabled can safely get to and from the two villages.

Kind regards

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