

Written Representation (Specific Issues) – Richborough Connection Project

Interested Party/Parties: Mrs J Batchelor & Messrs R & E Batchelor Trading as JE Batchelor & Partners.

Date: 11/07/16

Further to the overall written representation submitted by Finn's, this issue specific representation is submitted on behalf of the above Interested Parties, in relation to land at Sarre Marsh.

We would therefore make the following comments:

1. Access – the permanent accesses proposed are of particular concern to the Batchelor family as the access routes and therefore right of access will affect large parts of the holding. The marsh can also become extremely wet during the winter period and significant damage could be done, should access be taken with vehicles. In certain locations the access has been located away from water courses, therefore severing further land.
2. Temporary diversion – the diversion of the 132 Kv overhead line will mean, that for a period of 4-5 years the Batchelor's will have to farm extremely awkward areas and this is likely to affect the ability to control invasive weed species.
3. Drainage – this is mentioned as a general item, however the Batchelor's wished for it to be reiterated as the majority of the land, if not all, is under drained. Plans of the existing system have where possible been supplied to the Applicant. Despite sending these plans some time ago, preliminary designs have not been received, nor has it been confirmed how any damage to the existing drains would be repaired.
4. Change requests – none of the change requests made 19/01/15 have been taken into account by the Applicant and the Batchelor's wished for this to be reiterated.