

Open Floor Hearing (afternoon) 20-02-2018 for Tilbury2.

My name is Chris Henderson and I live at [REDACTED] which is very near to the proposed new site.

I felt impelled to speak for myself and my neighbours because, although we see the importance of commerce and more jobs, we are concerned about the way this development will impinge upon our quality of life. We are particularly concerned about the construction phase when lorries will be re-directed through our streets, some of which have restrictions for heavy vehicles. We live in a marshy area where our houses have been constructed on rafts – we already feel the movement caused by heavy freight on the present railway – what will the effect of piling and other construction be? The works on the marsh when constructing the new rail and road link could also disturb the water table, drainage, etc. The old power station had pollution issues; the present Water treatment Works has smell problems; the present docks is quite noisy especially at night – now we will have asphalt making and other construction industries which cause dust, noise and smells besides wider pollution.

Secondly I worry that we are at the centre of so many new developments at the same time. Besides the extension to the port there is the proposed new river crossing and also the RWE proposal where the old power station was, - even a link is proposed to an entertainment development on the Gravesend side of the river. I fear that unless these are carefully co-ordinated we will be subjected to a decade of construction works which will possibly need to be modified as unseen problems caused by their nearness arise.

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