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19/10/2023

Dear Mr. Dave Harris

Re: The Future of Chatham Docks in the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to emphasize the importance of retaining Chatham Docks as a fully operational dock in the upcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With a deep connection to the Medway region, I firmly believe that the Local Plan should prioritize the preservation and growth of Chatham Docks as a pivotal industrial and employment hub.

While there is undoubtedly a demand for additional housing in Medway, it is essential that this development does not come at the expense of existing jobs. Chatham Docks significantly contribute to Medway's economy, generating an annual turnover of over £250,000,000 and providing direct employment to 800 individuals, along with supporting an additional 1,400 jobs through various supply chains. These positions offer salaries that exceed the Medway average, making them an invaluable source of income for many residents. Among the notable businesses operating at Chatham Docks are ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialized recycling firms like Street Fuels, ship stevedoring services such as Total Ship Services, and several ship repair companies. The workforce at the Docks predominantly comprises local residents.

In the current era of environmental concern, it is noteworthy that Chatham Docks also play a significant role in promoting environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water. Currently, there are approximately 180 ship movements at the Docks each year, a figure that could potentially be increased in the future. The closure of Chatham Docks would result in a dramatic 300% reduction in air quality, a concern that should not be underestimated. Moreover, the closure would eliminate the only commercial non-tidal basin berth in Kent, and relocating to Sheerness would not be a feasible alternative due to the associated costs.

In summary, it is of utmost importance that Chatham Docks continue to operate as a key element of the Local Plan moving forward. There is potential for expansion at the Docks to facilitate further

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manufacturing if Peel Land & Property can refrain from reserving parts of the Dock for high-priced commuter housing.

We urgently implore Medway Council to maintain the existing planning safeguards in the new Local Plan for Medway. These safeguards have been instrumental in preserving the livelihoods of the countless individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Dave Harris



ME8 

Re: Chatham Docks in the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to express my strong support for the inclusion of Chatham Docks as an operational facility in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With my deep ties to the Medway region, I believe it is imperative that the Local Plan ensures the continued operation and growth of Chatham Docks as a crucial industrial and employment centre.

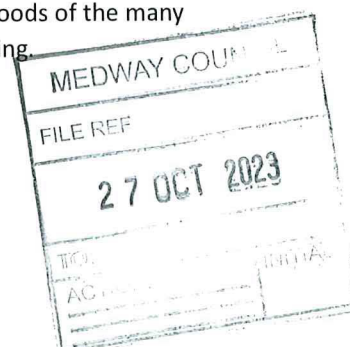
While the demand for additional housing in Medway is undeniable, it is vital that this development does not come at the expense of existing jobs. Chatham Docks play a significant role in Medway's economic landscape, contributing an annual turnover of over £250,000,000 and providing direct employment to 800 individuals, with an additional 1,400 jobs being supported through various supply chains. These positions offer salaries that exceed the Medway average, making them a vital source of income for many local residents. Among the notable businesses at Chatham Docks are ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialized recycling firms like Street Fuels, ship stevedoring services such as Total Ship Services, and several ship repair companies. The workforce at the Docks primarily consists of local residents.

In our current era of heightened environmental awareness, it is essential to recognize that Chatham Docks also contribute to environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water. Currently, there are around 180 ship movements at the Docks each year, a number that holds significant potential for future growth. The closure of Chatham Docks would result in a substantial 300% reduction in air quality, a matter of significant concern. Furthermore, the closure would eliminate the only commercial non-tidal basin berth in Kent, and relocating to Sheerness would not be a practical alternative due to the associated costs.

In summary, it is of utmost importance that Chatham Docks remain operational as a fundamental component of the Local Plan moving forward. The Docks have the potential to expand and accommodate additional manufacturing activities, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving parts of the Dock for high-priced commuter housing.

We respectfully urge Medway Council to maintain the existing planning safeguards in the new Local Plan for Medway, which have played a crucial role in preserving the livelihoods of the many individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

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manufacturing if Peel Land & Property can refrain from reserving parts of the Dock for high-priced commuter housing.

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Re: Chatham Docks and the Medway Council Local Plan

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While the demand for additional housing in Medway is evident, it is essential that this development does not come at the expense of existing jobs. Chatham Docks are a significant contributor to Medway's economy, generating an annual turnover exceeding £250,000,000 and providing direct employment to 800 individuals, along with supporting an additional 1,400 jobs through various supply chains. These positions offer salaries that surpass the Medway average, making them a lifeline for many local residents. Prominent businesses at Chatham Docks include ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialized recycling firms like Street Fuels, ship stevedoring services such as Total Ship Services, and several ship repair companies. The majority of the Docks' workforce comprises local residents.

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We respectfully implore Medway Council to maintain the existing planning safeguards in the new Local Plan for Medway, which have been instrumental in preserving the livelihoods of the numerous individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

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