

30th Oct 23

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Ref: medway.gov.uk / Future medway
2040

Dear Sirs / Madam

I have read your consultation with great interest and listed below are some of my ideas for a better medway leading up to the year 2040.

I would like to see,

- ① A Brand new tram system running throughout Strood, Rochester, Chatham gillingham and rainham. Like the tram systems they already have

in South London, Nottingham,
London DLR, Sheffield
Supertram, Manchester, Tyne &
wear and especially Blackpool.

I know this won't cost
quite a few hundred million
but it would be worth it!!

② Brand new Schools around
Medway.

③ Box park gillingham, like the
ones at Croydon and Wembley.
This could be up at the
gillingham business park.

③ A Brand new pedestrian
bridge linking from Aldi's
up at the bowaters roundabout
to Lescos going over the
roundabout, so the M.O.P.s.
(Members of Public) don't

have to give the pedestrian crossings! which can be dangerous at times.

④ Brand new Fire station at Chatham and Rochester and Rainham.

⑤ The old Lebeham's to be totally changed into @ bottom 1st Floor a swimming Pool complex with Sauna + Jacuzzi. next floor mini golf, bars and bowling alley. + a nightclub 3rd Floor: A day time nursery for babies and up to starting of primary school year old children.

⑥ The old pentagon Bus Station turned into a ring road of sports, where

Young people could play
for example. BMX
biking, Skateboarding,
rock climbing, show jumping.
Indoor games like snooker
pool, table tennis,
badminton in addition to
the facilities @ midway park.

⑦ The Strant needs to be
fully revamped with a
brand new indoor covered
posh mini golf, better
tennis court + professional
golf centre. Both swimming
pools need a big refurb
(The big lido needs to go
under cover too, so the people
can use the facilities all
year round. This could be
the entertainment of excellence!

I look forward to hearing
back from you on your
future plans, but these
are just a few of my
ideas for you to consider.

yours Sincerely

Mr



Medway Council Planning Dept.,

Medway Council

Gunn Wharf

Dock Road,

Chatham,

Kent ME4 4TR

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ME2
31st Oct, 2023

Dear Sir/madam

re. Planning Consultation: New local plan

I visited the ~~Exhibition~~ at Strood Library and wish to make the following observations:-

Major site in Cuxton: Station car park

Whilst admitting that this site could contribute towards Medway's housing requirements, I would ask that it be a suitable height for a rural village and not high rise, speaking aesthetically. Secondly any development would ~~mean that~~ cars driving out to the A228/Bush Rd. junction would increase the rush hour bottleneck existing there. Therefore the number of dwellings should be kept as low as possible.

Preferably the dwellings should be gated to allow access for train passengers and strong enough, especially during construction, to prevent travellers returning here.

As far as the greenbelt and area of natural beauty, the area owned by the Viney goes, the case was clearly made by the Secretary of State at the recent ~~inquiry~~ inquiry, that development should only be made on ~~an~~ AONB sites, when no other site could be found.

I would hope that his document would be studied, if an application were made to develop the site in future.

Halling

A great deal of small infill has taken place within Halling, but there is potential for further development in Upper Halling. Once again there is the problem of infrastructure to be solved. Once again all roads lead to the A228, which cuts right across Medway from Halling to the Isle of Grain and must somehow be widened in line with the increased traffic that new housing creates.

At junctions with all the villages there must be viable provision of entry and exit at peak times.

Yours,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (Mrs)

ME7

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



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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Yours sincerely, /

[Redacted Signature]

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Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
Kent
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19th October 2023

Dear Mr Harris,

Re: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

I am writing in response to your Regulation 18 Consultation for the Medway Plan, 2022-2040.

Delphini Ltd are a major supplier to two steel manufacturing companies based on Chatham Dock yard namely 'ArcelorMittal Kent Wire AMCS' and 'HY-TEN reinforcements' and we have been trading with both companies for around 10 years and they form a large part of our company business through sales, service and manufacture.

Delphini and both AMCS & HYTEN are core UK manufacturers and as so we help form the lifeblood of the UK economy and continue to prop up said economy and we must remain undeterred from carrying on to do so.

At present the economic outlook for the UK remains uncertain and we feel closing Chatham dock yard and replacing with homes will only darken any hopes of current employees working at any company based on the dock itself who will no doubt have severe disruption in their lives some or even most will be rendered unemployed.

Closing Chatham dock yard will have a direct impact on our company, severe enough so that there is a high chance we will be forced into making at least one or even two of our long serving staff redundant due to the loss of business the closure will bring. We sincerely hope it does not come to that.

We urge Medway Council to consider thoroughly our points made above when making their decision on this planning application and consider to support local businesses and working people of what is the Chatham Dock Yard.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Delphini LTD

[Redacted signature]

DA12

October 19th 2023

Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer,
Gun Wharf,
Chatham,
Kent,
ME4 4TR



Re: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the direction for Medway 2040

Dear Sirs,

I am writing today to respond to your Regulation 18 consultation for the Medway plan 2022-2040. I have lived in the local area for my whole life, and I recently started my new position 6 months ago at the Chatham Docks at ArcelorMittal Construction Solutions.

Whilst I can understand the need for new houses in the Medway area, I do believe that this should not come at a price of current jobs. Furthermore, I would ask that the new Local Plan to continue to provide the protection for the docks.

I believe it is important to know that the Chatham Docks generate £258 million worth of business for Medway. The docks directly employ 800 local people in highly skilled jobs and 1,400 more local jobs are also provided indirectly through the Docks' supply chains. Business that operates at Chatham Docks include manufacturers that make the steel that builds London's infrastructure, hi-tech specialist recycling firms and ship repair and maintenance operators. On top of this the average salaries at Chatham Docks are at more than £40,000 pa which is well in excess of the Medway average salaries and workers are mainly drawn from Medway.

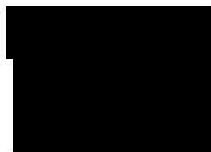
I believe you also need to consider the environmental benefits the docks has to the Medway residents. Transporting cargo by water, instead of using the road, is one of the greenest solutions available reducing the carbon emissions and the docks currently has about 180 ship movements a year. If Chatham Docks were to close though there would be a massive increase of CO2 emissions through the loss of on-site recycling and transporting goods via water. The air quality would worsen by 300% from its current levels through rezoning the Docks.

Chatham Docks us a unique port and manufacturing hub. All of the businesses that operate here have chosen to be based at the Docks because it is the only non-tidal, enclosed dock in the whole of Kent. The capacity outweighs any other docks available on the Thames and Medway combined and to move to another port such as Sheerness is not a viable business option.

All in all, I would ask the Medway council to retain its existing planning protections in the new Local Plan for Medway which have protected the jobs of the thousands of people who rely on Chatham

Docks. As well as this the Docks plays a massive part in creating huge environmental benefits for the local area.

Yours sincerely,



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MEDWAY COUNCIL	
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26 OCT 2023	
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MEDWAY COUNCIL
26 OCT 2023
ADMIN HUB 2A

Dear Mr. Dave Harris

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 dock in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With my deep connection to the Medway region, I firmly believe that the Local Plan should prioritize the preservation and expansion of Chatham Docks as a crucial industrial and employment hub.

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.

In our current era of heightened environmental awareness, it is essential to recognize that Chatham Docks also play a significant role in delivering 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 significant 300% reduction in air quality, a matter of profound 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 paramount importance that Chatham Docks continue to operate as a central element of the Local Plan moving forward. There is potential for the Docks to expand to accommodate additional manufacturing activities, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving parts of the Dock for high-priced commuter housing.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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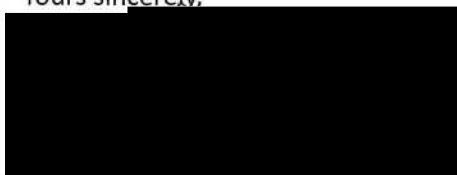
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MEDWAY COUNCIL
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ADMIN HUB 2A

Dear Mr. Dave Harris

Re: The Ongoing Discussion About Chatham Docks in the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to voice my concerns and hopes regarding the status of Chatham Docks in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With a deep connection to the Medway region, I believe it is essential that the Local Plan secures the future of Chatham Docks as a vital industrial and employment centre.

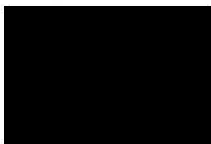
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In our current age of heightened environmental awareness, it is important to acknowledge that Chatham Docks also contribute to environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water. Currently, there are around 180 ship movements at the Docks each year, a number that holds significant potential for future growth. The closure of Chatham Docks would result in a significant 300% reduction in air quality, a matter of serious 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 conclusion, 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 for expansion to accommodate additional manufacturing, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving portions of the Dock for high-cost commuter housing.

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 many individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Dave Harris

Re: Chatham Docks and the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to emphasize the importance of Chatham Docks' inclusion as a functional dock in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. Having strong ties to the Medway area, I believe it is crucial to secure the future of Chatham Docks as a cornerstone of industrial and employment opportunities.

While the need for additional housing in Medway is evident, it is vital that such developments do not come at the expense of existing jobs. Chatham Docks make a substantial contribution to Medway's economic landscape, generating 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, providing a vital source of income 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 workforce at the Docks hails from the local community.

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In conclusion, it is of utmost importance that Chatham Docks continue to function as an integral part of the Local Plan moving forward. There is potential for the Docks to expand to accommodate additional manufacturing activities, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving parts of the Dock for high-cost commuter housing.

We respectfully urge 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 many individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

Yours sincerely,



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[REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. Dave Harris,

Re: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

MEDWAY COUNCIL
26 OCT 2023
ADMIN HUB 2A

I am writing in response to your regulation 18 consultation. I feel it is my duty to voice my concerns that Chatham Docks is still being considered for housing.

Chatham Docks is an asset to The United Kingdom and Medway but it is massively underutilised due to neglect from the land's owner.

Businesses within Chatham Docks provide opportunities and livelihoods to the people of Medway and its surrounding areas. It would be an irreversible catastrophe if these were to be lost. In addition to this, the amount of revenue brought to Medway Council is often overlooked whenever I have discussed this matter with others and, given the state of the world over the past few years, I struggle to see any argument in favour of losing this income.

When I was 18, I failed to secure jobs due to "lack of experience" but ArcelorMittal Kent Wire gave me the chance to kickstart a career. Without ArcelorMittal Kent Wire and Chatham Docks, I would not have a first-class honours degree and it is very unlikely I would have purchased my first home. Their generosity and endless opportunities have enabled me to earn a salary nearly [REDACTED] more than the average for my age range (Forbes published data) which in turn has allowed my partner and I to purchase our first home during a time in which many are struggling to cover bills. However it must be recognised that it would be more than likely for me to also be in that position, if it was not for ArcelorMittal Kent Wire and Chatham Docks.

I appreciate the difficult situation you are in and I do not envy you. However, you must consider the scale of the impact this decision will have not only on Medway but the whole country. Chatham Docks facilitates so many things, such as the country's (and world's) aim of becoming greener by reducing carbon emissions drastically, and I struggle to see anywhere in Medway that could fulfil this hole that will be created.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I trust you will take my concerns onboard and it will lead to the correct decision being made. I implore you to see past the neglect Chatham Docks has faced and recognise its potential. The answer is not to submit to the landowner but to hold them accountable for the lost wages, revenue, and opportunities as a result of their mistreatment.

I would be happy to discuss my experience and feelings on this matter further with you if you wished. My contact number is [REDACTED] and my email address is [REDACTED]

Once again, thank you for your time and I trust Medway Council will do the right thing.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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MEDWAY COUNCIL
20 OCT 2023
ADMIN HUB 2A

Re: Concerns Regarding Medway Council Local Plan Consultation

I am writing to express my strong desire that Medway Council keeps Chatham Docks operational within its forthcoming Local Plan. Having had the privilege of working in the Medway region for numerous years, I sincerely hope that the Local Plan will secure the Docks' future as a vital industrial and employment centre.

While there is undoubtedly a pressing need for new housing in Medway, it is crucial that these developments do not come at the expense of existing job opportunities. Chatham Docks significantly contributes to the local economy, generating over £250,000,000 in business annually for Medway and providing direct employment to 800 individuals, with an additional 1,400 jobs supported through various supply chains. The salaries offered by these roles surpass the average salaries in Medway, making them an essential source of livelihood for many residents. Notable businesses at Chatham Docks include ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialized recycling firms such as Street Fuels, ship stevedoring services like Total Ship Services, and several ship repair companies. It is important to highlight that the majority of the Docks' workforce is drawn from the local community.

In today's era of environmental consciousness, it is worth noting that Chatham Docks also play a significant role in promoting environmental benefits by facilitating the transportation of goods via water. Currently, there are approximately 180 ship movements at the Docks annually, a number that could be considerably increased in the future. The closure of Chatham Docks would result in a substantial 300% decline in air quality, a fact 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 conclusion, it is of utmost importance that Chatham Docks continue their operations as a key element of the Local Plan moving forward. The potential for expansion at the Docks to accommodate more manufacturing should be explored, particularly if Peel Land & Property can refrain from land-banking parts of the Dock for costly commuter housing.

We earnestly implore Medway Council to uphold the existing planning safeguards in the new Local Plan for Medway. These protections have proven vital in safeguarding the livelihoods of the numerous individuals who depend on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

Sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

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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.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Dave Harris

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MEDWAY COUNCIL
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Re: Chatham Docks in the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the future of Chatham Docks and to emphasize the critical importance of retaining its status as a functioning dock in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. As someone deeply connected to the Medway region, I firmly believe that the Local Plan should prioritize the preservation and growth of Chatham Docks as an essential industrial and employment hub.

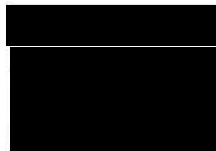
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In summary, it is of the utmost importance that Chatham Docks continue to operate as a central component of the Local Plan moving forward. The Docks hold great potential for expansion to accommodate additional manufacturing activities, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving parts of the Dock for high-cost commuter housing.

We respectfully implore Medway Council to maintain the existing planning safeguards in the new Local Plan for Medway, which have played a pivotal role 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

Re: Support for 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 dock within the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With a long history in the Medway region, I believe it is vital that the Local Plan secures the future of Chatham Docks as a critical industrial and employment centre.

While the need for additional housing in Medway is undeniable, it is essential that such developments do not come at the expense of existing jobs. Chatham Docks play a substantial role in Medway's economy, generating an annual turnover of over £250,000,000 and offering 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 significant source of income for many local residents. Among the noteworthy businesses at Chatham Docks are ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialized recycling firms such as Street Fuels, ship stevedoring services like Total Ship Services, and several ship repair companies. The workforce at the Docks is primarily composed of local residents.

In our current era of heightened environmental awareness, it is important to recognize that Chatham Docks contribute to environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water. Currently, there are approximately 180 ship movements at the Docks each year, a number that holds the potential for future growth. The closure of Chatham Docks would lead to a significant 300% reduction in air quality, a matter of significant concern. Additionally, 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 remain operational as a pivotal component of the Local Plan moving forward. There is potential for the Docks to expand to accommodate additional manufacturing activities, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving parts of the Dock for high-cost commuter housing.

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
Kent, ME4 4TR

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Monday 23rd October, 2023

Re: Regulation Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

Dear Mr Harris

My name is Jacob – have lived in the Medway area for over 30 years, and worked at Chatham docks for over 10 years now. I am writing in hope with some points as to why it is imperative that Medway Council's Local Plan supports Chatham Docks remaining a working dock in order to protect the jobs of the thousands of people who rely on Chatham Docks.

Businesses at Medway include steel manufacturer ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialist recycling firms such as Street Fuels and ship repairer Total Ship Repairs. Chatham Docks generates more that £250k worth of business per annum for Medway, employs 800 people directly - with a further 1,400 via supply chains. Average salaries at Chatham Docks are over £40k pa, and as such are well above the average salary for the surrounding Medway area. While I agree that new homes are needed in Medway, these should not be going ahead at the expense of existing jobs or at the expense of our local towns' environment.

On that basis it should be noted that Chatham Docks also delivers huge environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water with approximately 180 ship movements a year that could be greatly increased. If Chatham Docks were to close that would be a massive 300% reduction in air quality. In addition, closure of the docks would remove the only commercial non-tidal basin berth in Kent. Sadly, relocation is not an option given the extortionate costs involved. The capacity of ship repairers at Chatham Docks outweighs anything available on the Thames and Medway combined. Chatham Docks keeps the ships of the South East afloat.

Please consider this letter with great care and attention.

Kind regards,

[Redacted Signature]



Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
Kent
ME4 4TR



Kent, ME8 [REDACTED]

Dear Mr.Harris

Re: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

I am writing in response to Regulation 18 Consultation for the Medway Plan 2022-2040 to provide comment. I've worked in Chatham Docks for ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd for nearly 25 years, since leaving full time education (The Howard School, Rainham) in [REDACTED] I have lived locally in Rainham and Twydall, part of the Medway Towns all my life [REDACTED] and I'm currently able to drive both to and from work using electric energy.

Since working in Chatham Docks, I have managed to upskill myself, starting off as a [REDACTED] per week office junior to becoming Commercial Manager responsible for over 70,000 tonnes of steel sales to the UK and Ireland. Because of this I earn well over the Medway Towns average salary.

There are many benefits in keeping Chatham Docks as a working port to the local area and many reports and studies have been shared at council level highlighting these positive benefits. Chatham Docks is a busy (despite lack of investment by the landlord) and unique port contributing significantly to the local area.

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Since the news broke about the possibility of Chatham Docks closing in 2025, my family and I have been extremely worried about our future. I'm [REDACTED] years of age and don't know how I will be able to pay my mortgage and support my family if I lose my job. My skill set has been built on the unique services that are offered by ArcelorMittal Kent Wire to the construction industry and it is likely I will need to relocate outside of Medway and the South East to find alternative employment that suits my skill set and pay level.

I urge Medway Council to retain its existing planning protections for Chatham Docks in the new Local Plan for Medway, which have protected the jobs of the thousands of people who rely on Chatham Docks.

Support local people, local business, and local history. It's the right thing to do!

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. Dave Harris

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

I am writing to advocate for the continued operation of Chatham Docks as a functional dock within the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With a deep-rooted history in the Medway area, I believe it is imperative that the Local Plan secures the future of Chatham Docks as a vital industrial and employment hub.

Although the need for additional housing in Medway is evident, it is paramount that this development does not come at the expense of existing jobs. Chatham Docks significantly contributes to Medway's economic well-being, 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 roles offer salaries that surpass the Medway average, making them a cornerstone of income for many local residents. Notable businesses that call Chatham Docks home include ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, specialized recycling firms such as Street Fuels, ship stevedoring services like Total Ship Services, and several ship repair companies. The workforce at the Docks largely consists of the local community.

In our current era, characterized by environmental concerns, it is essential to acknowledge that Chatham Docks play a pivotal role in delivering environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water. Currently, there are approximately 180 ship movements at the Docks each year, a number that holds significant potential for future growth. The closure of Chatham Docks would lead to a substantial 300% reduction in air quality, a fact that must be taken into account. Furthermore, the closure would eliminate the only commercial non-tidal basin berth in Kent, and relocating to Sheerness would not be a viable option due to the associated costs.

In conclusion, it is of utmost importance that Chatham Docks continue to operate as a fundamental component of the Local Plan moving forward. The Docks possess the potential for expansion to accommodate more manufacturing, provided Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving portions of the Dock for high-cost commuter housing.

We respectfully request that Medway Council maintains the existing planning safeguards in the new Local Plan for Medway. These safeguards have been instrumental in safeguarding the livelihoods of the many individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

Yours faithfully,

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26 OCT 2023
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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.

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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 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,

[Redacted Signature]

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ME8

To whom it may concern

Re: Regulation Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

I am writing to you to ask for your help in saving Chatham Docks.

My name is Kelly, I am [REDACTED] and I have worked at ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, situated in Chatham Docks, since leaving school in [REDACTED]

Since joining, I have achieved Professional Competence in National Road Haulage Operations and I am also a Mental Health first aider for the company.

ArcelorMittal are a good company to work for and pay above the average wage for the area. When my son started school ArcelorMittal Kent Wire facilitated me in changing my hours to allow me to continue working.

I have lived in Rainham for the past 26 years, so only have a 15-minute commute to the docks.

If the docks were to close in 2025, I will be [REDACTED] years old and have worked there for 30 years, so the prospect of starting anywhere else is a daunting one. However, I would need to find work because without I wouldn't be able to pay my mortgage or bills. So, the uncertainty of the docks closing is already a concern for me and my family.

Please can you help to save Chatham Docks but more importantly, save my job and the other 800 people that work there, also all the other jobs linked to the companies working within the docks.

I urge Medway Council to retain its existing planning protections in the new Local Plan for Medway which have protected the jobs of the thousands of people who rely on Chatham Docks.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Dave Harris

Re: Chatham Docks and the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to voice my deep concern regarding the future of Chatham Docks and to emphasize the importance of retaining its status as a functioning dock in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. As someone with strong ties to the Medway region, I firmly believe that the Local Plan should prioritize the preservation and growth of Chatham Docks as a crucial industrial and employment hub.

While there is a clear need for additional housing in Medway, it is imperative 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.

In our present age of heightened environmental awareness, it is crucial to recognize that Chatham Docks also play a significant role in delivering 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 significant 300% reduction in air quality, a matter of profound 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 paramount importance that Chatham Docks continue to operate as a central element of the Local Plan moving forward. There is potential for the Docks to expand to accommodate additional manufacturing activities, provided that Peel Land & Property refrains from reserving parts of the Dock for high-priced commuter housing.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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ME8

Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
Kent
ME4 4TR

Dear Sirs,

RE: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

I am writing to you in response to Medway's Local Plan and express my view to keep Chatham Docks as a working Dockyard.

I have lived in the Medway area all my life and have worked within Chatham Docks for the past 10 years at ArcelorMittal Kent Wire.

Chatham Docks is a busy and unique port, as well as a prominent manufacturing hub for steel goods. A variety of products are fabricated all year round by highly skilled, local workers that live within the Medway towns. In regards to Chatham Docks' economical role within Medway, it should be noted that the Dockyard has generated £258million worth of business for the local area, whilst currently employing 800 local people.

The work carried out within Chatham Docks helps immensely with the UK's Construction sector and includes a variety of business' that contribute to (but not exclusively) the building of London's infrastructure, as well as companies that specialise in ship repairs and maintenance.

The jobs provided here at Chatham Docks are not low wage. It should be noted that the average salary for an employee works out at around £40,000 pa – higher than Medway's average salaries, making the dockyard a viable and attractive means of employment for many within the area.

The port here is a busy one, with around 180 ship movements a year and it is significant to note the environmental benefit this has. Cargo transported via water has a less detrimental effect than if it were carried by road. This really helps to keep carbon emissions low, promoting a cleaner air for the area. The port here really is critical for the work that is carried out within the Docks. Known as a feeder port for European trade, a move to a landlock site would not be a viable business option to the companies that currently reside here. Chatham Docks is the only commercial, non-tidal, enclosed dock in Kent.

Please can Medway Council keep what protection it has in place for Chatham Docks when reviewing the local plan. Many rely on its function, including the community, myself and my family.

Yours faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
ME4 4TR



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Re: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

Dear Sir,

I moved from London to Medway in 2006 and was fortunate enough to join ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd on the 2nd January 2007. As I write this letter I have been employed by ArcelorMittal Kent Wire for 16 years and approaching 17 years.

I find myself at an uncertain time due to the announcement of the closure of Chatham Docks. I still need to pay my mortgage and provide for my young family; it is my duty. In 2025 my children will still be at school age, I will be [REDACTED] years old, and the closure of Chatham Docks will affect more than 800 people, it will be 800 families. The wider consequences are huge.

I live locally and commute to the docks on public transport, along with a 20-minute walk. Both my children now attend school locally and I do not drive. The thought of commuting to Sheerness or anywhere else of a significant distance fills me with dread as relocating to another port such as Sheerness is not a viable option for me or my family. I just couldn't afford to pay the travel to Sheerness for example, every day.

It is not fair to uproot my family and children who are settled in school locally and move them from our house we have made a home, to a location close to a potential new site. We all love our little house in Strood and to sell would be devastating to us.

I am only 1 person, 1 family, but every person employed at Chatham Docks will have their story, their own dependants. To say I owe everything to ArcelorMittal Kent Wire is no exaggeration. The company has enabled me to get everything I have and love today. Can I please urge Medway Council to retain its existing planning protections in the new Local Plan for Medway which have protected the jobs of the thousands of people who rely on Chatham Docks.

Thank you for your time taken to read my correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

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ME2 [REDACTED]

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MEDWAY COUNCIL
26 OCT 2023
ADMIN HUB 3A

Dear Mr. Dave Harris

Re: Preservation of Chatham Docks in the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to emphasize the importance of retaining Chatham Docks as a fully functional dock in the upcoming Medway Council Local Plan. As someone with a longstanding connection to Medway, I believe it is crucial that the Local Plan guarantees the stability 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 contributes 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. Presently, 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 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,

A recent expert report has confirmed the dire consequences of closing the docks, including a massive increase in CO2 emissions and a 300% deterioration in air quality due to rezoning from industrial to mixed use². Such a move would make Chatham one of the worst-affected areas in the UK outside of Central London. These findings underscore the essential role that Chatham Docks play in maintaining environmental quality.

Chatham Docks, with its unique status as the only non-tidal, enclosed dock in Kent, is a crucial feeder port for European trade and a manufacturing hub. The capacity of ship repairers at Chatham Docks outweighs anything available on the Thames and Medway combined. Relocating to another port, such as Sheerness, is simply not a viable business option for ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd.

In light of these considerations, we urge the Medway Council to take into account the critical role Chatham Docks and Company A play in the local economy and the well-being of Medway residents. We kindly request that you retain the existing planning protections in the new Local Plan to ensure the continued growth and prosperity of this area.

Your support in preserving the status of Chatham Docks will not only safeguard numerous jobs but also promote sustainable, environmentally friendly practices in the region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Altec Extrusions

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² Analysis of Co2 emissions of Vessels importing and exporting via Chatham Docks and the potential impact of those vessels being transferred to Sheerness Port or being replaced fully by road vehicles. Author: Dave Sheedy CQP, MCQI, MICRS

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Dave Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
Kent
ME4 4TR

Dear Members of the Medway Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Altec Extrusions Ltd, a key supplier to ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd, which operates from Chatham Docks. We wish to express our deep concern regarding the potential relocation of ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd should Medway Council not retain its existing planning protections in the new Local Plan.

Chatham Docks is a vital economic and environmental asset to the Medway community, and it is important to understand the numerous positive contributions that both ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd and the docks provide to the local economy and residents.

The significance of Chatham Docks is evident in the economic benefits it offers. It generates an impressive £258 million worth of business for Medway, directly employing 800 local people in highly skilled jobs. Additionally, the docks are responsible for creating 1,400 more jobs through their supply chains, making it an integral part of the local job market¹.

What makes Chatham Docks particularly unique is the diversity of businesses that operate within its premises. From manufacturing steel for London's infrastructure to hi-tech recycling firms and ship repair and maintenance operators, the docks host a wide array of companies, contributing to the region's industrial strength and economic diversity.

Furthermore, the average salaries at Chatham Docks, exceeding £40,000 per annum, are substantially higher than the Medway average, benefiting local employees and their families. These jobs are predominantly filled by residents of Medway, reinforcing the docks' role in supporting the local workforce.

The environmental benefits of Chatham Docks are equally noteworthy. By transporting cargo via water instead of road, the docks play a pivotal role in reducing carbon emissions, aligning with the growing importance of sustainable transportation solutions. With approximately 180 ship movements per year, Chatham Docks significantly contributes to greener logistics.

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Dear Mr. Dave Harris

Re: Chatham Docks and the Medway Council Local Plan

I am writing to stress the importance of the retention of Chatham Docks as a fully operational dock in the forthcoming Medway Council Local Plan. With my strong ties to the Medway region, I firmly believe that the Local Plan should prioritize the preservation and expansion of Chatham Docks as a vital industrial and employment hub.

While the need for additional housing in Medway is evident, it is crucial 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, with an additional 1,400 jobs being supported through various supply chains. These positions offer salaries that surpass the Medway average, serving as a critical source of income for many local residents. Notable 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 consists of local residents.

In our current era of heightened environmental awareness, it is crucial to acknowledge that Chatham Docks also contribute significantly to environmental benefits through the transportation of goods by water. Currently, there are around 180 ship movements at the Docks each year, with the potential for this number to increase in the future. The closure of Chatham Docks would lead to a substantial 300% reduction in air quality, a matter of utmost concern. Moreover, the closure would eliminate the only commercial non-tidal basin berth in Kent, and relocating to Sheerness would not be a viable option due to the associated costs.

In conclusion, it is imperative that Chatham Docks continue to operate as a central component of the Local Plan moving forward. There is the potential for the Docks 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 been instrumental in preserving the livelihoods of the numerous individuals who rely on Chatham Docks for their employment and well-being.

Yours sincerely,

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26th October 2023

FAO Mr D Harris
Chief Planning Officer
Gun Wharf
Chatham
Kent
ME4 4TR



ME4

Dear Mr Harris

Re: Regulation 18 Consultation – Setting the Direction for Medway 2040

I write to you to urge Medway Council to maintain the designation of Chatham Docks as a working dock in the forthcoming local plan.

I was born in Chatham, have lived in Medway my whole life, I now live on St. Mary's Island and have the privilege of working next door in Chatham Docks. My connection to Chatham Docks run deeper than that; my father did his electrical apprenticeship in Chatham Dockyard in the 70s. So, I hold the last piece of the working Dockyard close to my heart.

I work for the largest employer in Chatham Docks and know how important the location of my company is to my colleagues and peers. A large proportion of my colleagues live within a 2 mile radius of Chatham Docks and to lose such a large employer of skilled workers on this site cannot happen.

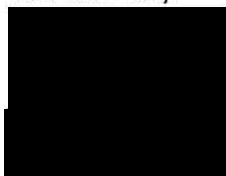
My employer relies heavily on the connection to the sea as it's raw material is delivered by ship. The company is a supplier to construction projects of nation importance and my role in the business enables me to understand the future projects that the business is going to supply. Having the non-tidal dock will enable the company to be able to supply these projects by river and sea. Just last week I attended a meeting with a client, in which we discussed the option of delivering our products to the construction site by sea. The client has entered into an initiative that requires them to remove as many road-going vehicles from it's supply chain as possible. The prospect of sea deliveries is a genuine option I can offer, whilst being strategically located in Chatham Docks. Having the non-tidal dock will allow our products to be safely loaded onto ship or barge and transported by the greenest means possible.

Chatham Docks, in its current state is a unique asset with national importance for mine and other companies that operate in it and cannot be lost forever to a residential development that will not offer the same level of employment in the future.

From a more personal perspective, I cannot see how the residential development will work in harmony, with which is arguable the jewel in Medway's crown that is St Mary's Island. The doctor's surgery and primary school are already oversubscribed and will not be able to sustain further development without being heavily extended. The new development would need it's own access bridge which would be difficult to install whilst maintaining the Water Management Agreement, that Chatham Maritime Trust is obliged to uphold into the future.

For these reasons Medway Council cannot and should not change the designation of the Chatham Docks for the good of the people of Medway.

Your faithfully



[REDACTED]

ME10 [REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern.

We, as a concerned small business are writing to you in relation to the possible planned relocation of ArcelorMittal Kent Wire.

We have been a supplier to the above-mentioned company for over 25 years and as such our business relies on maintaining our status quo to enable us to continue with our business and providing employment to our team.

The loss or relocation of ArcelorMittal Kent Wire would be to us and many other businesses in the Medway and surrounding area not only financially detrimental but also for the community disastrous.

ArcelorMittal Kent Wire are not only a large employer in the area but along with other businesses in Chatham Docks are part of a manufacturing industry that created a lot of the steel that builds London Infrastructure.

We also believe that Chatham docks generates on average £258 million pounds worth of business for Medway and employs many high skilled people and a large number of unskilled workers. To lose that would seem to be madness in this time of difficult economic challenges.

We would strongly ask that you reconsider your possible plans and allow ours and other businesses and also the community to continue to have these valuable resources and the revenue they generate kept in the local area.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]





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DA11

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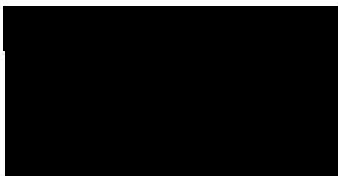
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RM9

19/10/2023



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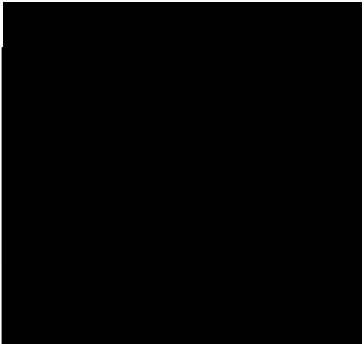
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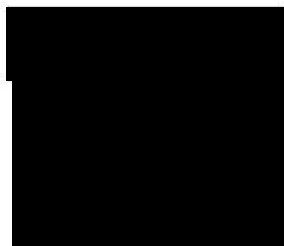
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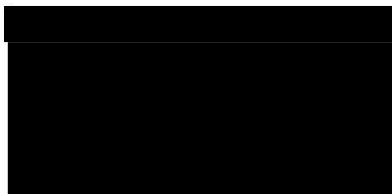
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