

Mr Ben Sawyer  
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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you to express my great concerns regarding the potential closure of Chatham Docks as an operational port.

I have been employed at Chatham docks for over 10 years within the large steel reinforcement company ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd. I first came to this company for work experience and worked in the yard sweeping and cleaning. Through hard work and good opportunities that this company has provided me with, I was appointed Health & Safety Manager in 2017 and am responsible for the safety of Circa. 150 people.

ArcelorMittal Kent Wire, funded all my professional safety qualifications and other qualifications. I have travelled Europe within ArcelorMittal conducting safety audits across various sites. The ArcelorMittal business at Chatham Docks has provided me with a career that I am highly grateful for.

The work carried out by ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd is for building and infrastructure projects across the whole UK. Some of these are extremely high profile, such as the Thames Tideway project.

I am currently finding the uncertainty around the closure of the docks very stressful.

Please can you help to Save Chatham Docks, and my career.

Yours faithfully

Ben Sawyer

## Phil Taylor

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**From:** Ben Sawyer (Kent Wire)  
**Sent:** 12 December 2019 16:54  
**To:** Phil Taylor  
**Subject:** FW: Save Chatham Docks

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**From:** office@kelly4rochesterandstrood.com <office@kelly4rochesterandstrood.com>  
**Sent:** 12 December 2019 16:44  
**To:** Ben Sawyer (Kent Wire) <Ben@arcelormittalkentwire.co.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Save Chatham Docks

Dear Mr Sawyer

Thank you for your email and for sharing your concerns about Chatham Docks with Kelly. I cannot imagine what a stressful time this must be for you, your family and your colleagues.

It should be noted that due to the upcoming general election, Parliament has been dissolved and during this period there are no Members of Parliament (MPs) until after the election on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Kelly was shocked by the proposal and is in full support of the businesses and people who work at Chatham Docks. The docks are so important to our local area, as well as further afield with the part they play in the broader network, and the implications that the potential closure would have. Kelly has already met with business owners at the Docks to discuss this further and she has been seeking a meeting with Peel Ports as well.

The Docks are a valuable local resource which is essential to so many jobs and businesses, both locally and further afield.

As such, I can assure you that Kelly will continue to fight and do all she can for Chatham Docks.

Kind regards

Michelle

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NB: Kelly Tolhurst is not currently an MP, as Parliament has been dissolved until after the General Election on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.