

PDMR Ltd and all others concerned

Being of an age to remember the appalling news of the Dockyard at Chatham closing back in 1984 I was again appalled to read of the impending threatened closure of Chatham Docks once again.

This area is a considerable employment hub for Medway and is relied upon by many businesses locally as an important source of employment and revenue in servicing the required supply chain.

I know that many of the enterprises currently resident here have made considerable investments throughout this entire area and that ArcelorMittal in particular have recently spent £3M to remain in business here and have also received written undertakings from Medway Council that Chatham Docks was not required to meet house-building targets set by central government and existing wharf and port capacity would be safeguarded.

Our company has for decades been supplying the many and varied businesses that have risen from the ashes of the old Naval Dockyard due in no small part to the refusal of local people to just lie down and accept the horrendous changes thrust upon them from above with scant regard for the human cost of such decisions.

For our governments, both local and national, it would be in my view criminally negligent to allow Peel (in whichever of their many guises) to destroy this vibrant community and deprive these workers of their livelihood purely in the name of short-term shareholder profit without a monumental fight.

Cheers!



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