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Dear Sir or Madam

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

I am currently employed within Chatham Docks by ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd. I have been employed by the company for over 13 years now and for the length of my employment I have lived within Gillingham. During my employment here I have moved from being a shop floor operative now into the role of Quality Manager for the business, which I have held for around 3 years.

The current threat to the future of Chatham Docks is putting me under a great deal of personal stress as I'm 48 years old and once I cross 50 I know that my prospects of finding new employment will decrease even further, especially given the lack of specialist skilled employment in the Medway Towns these days.

The work carried out by ArcelorMittal Kent Wire Ltd is for building and infrastructure projects across the whole UK. Some of them are extremely high profile, such as the Thames Tideway project. I personally have spent a large amount of the last 2 years working with Sir Antony Gormley and his studio to assist in the creation of the Matrix III exhibit for his recent one man show at the Royal Academy of Art in London.

I always vote in Local and National elections and in the upcoming General Election I will be voting for the candidate that I believe will fight to Save Chatham Docks and the futures of myself and my colleagues.

Please can you help to Save Chatham Docks, but more importantly save my job.

Yours faithfully

Dave Sheedy

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Phil Taylor

To: David Sheedy
Subject: RE: Closure of Chatham Docks

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From: <office@kelly4rochesterandstrood.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Dec 2019 at 16:30
Subject: RE: Closure of Chatham Docks
To: <sheedydi@googlemail.com>

Dear Mr Sheedy

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 12th December 2019.

I am glad to see that you have also emailed your local Conservative Parliamentary Candidate Mr Rehman Chishti.

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. As such, 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.

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

Kind regards

Michelle