

MR & MRS I. D. TAYLOR,  
3 WHITELOCKS CLOSE,  
KINGSTON, CANTERBURY  
KENT.

To: Rt Hon Nigel Thatcher  
10 Downing St.

10 June 1986

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Re: Channel Tunnel

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M. I. Taylor

(a former Conservative Party member)

To Mr. D. Crovel MP House of Commons

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Yours faithfully,  
A. T.

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KENT, CT4 6JG.

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*Tel.: East Peckham 871372*

3 Medina Avenue,  
Whitstable,  
Kent.

20 March, 1975

Dear Supporter,

As you know the Channel Tunnel Scheme is, at least for the time being, dead. The parliamentary procedure has therefore collapsed and no petition will be necessary to the House of Lords.

On the one hand we are very glad to see that the Tunnel has been abandoned, but on the other hand one must still keep very much on the alert because there is a possibility that E.E.C. money or other external funds may become available and a tunnel scheme may be revived. Whether this might be on the same model as the one that has just been abandoned, or some other model, we do not of course know.

Whilst, therefore, it is comforting to think that we may for the moment relax, we must keep the vigilant.

Meanwhile, I am asked by the Committee to afford to you our most cordial thanks for the very real way in which you have assisted by giving us your unstinted support. This has been much appreciated and has been of real value.

Yours sincerely,



Hector M. Wilks

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Dear Col. Elliott,

I am pleased to return the donation made by the Nailbourne Protection Society to our intended House of Lords petition, and I thank you most warmly for your support.

Yours sincerely,

*Brian Mitchell*

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Yours truly,

H.M. WILKS

Do you agree to:  
a) Continued support?  
b) Sending £10.00? (we sent  
£20.00 earlier this year)  
C. J. D. M.

Agreed

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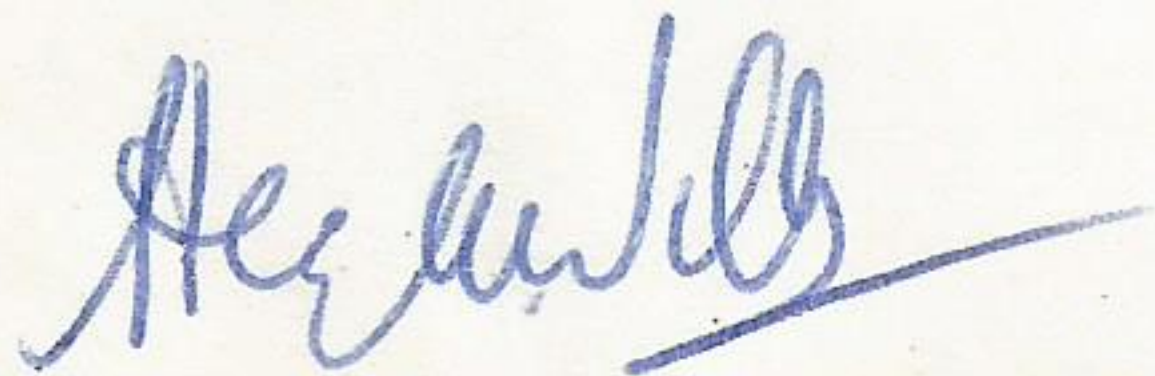
Col G.G. Elliott DSO, MA.,  
Hon Secretary,  
Nailbourne Protection Society,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Nr Canterbury,  
CT4 5HT

18 December, 1974

Dear Colonel Elliott,

Thank you so much indeed for your letter and cheque. I will see that The Treasurer replies to you.

Yours sincerely,



H.M. Wilks

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19th. January, 1974.

Dear Secretary,

The Channel Tunnel.

We have just had a conference with Counsel. He must be in a position to answer one or two questions about your Society.

Would you please therefore write to me telling me—

1. The number of members of your Society; and
2. What particular interest your Society has in the tunnel. Will it affect your actual area? If so, how? Are you anxious about extra traffic or lorries or development or noise or what? A short clear statement please on this. Some, I realise, will only be able to talk in general terms because you are remote from the tunnel and the A 20, but if you can be specific, please do.

As usual, I am afraid, I would like your reply very urgently.

Yours sincerely,

*Hector M. Wilks*

(a) 21 Jan  
W. 15 Mar

There are to unpleasant and unsatisfactory side effects which

- Cannot be measured but which would increase with time  
(a) increased demand for Roads: <sup>the great increase in</sup> ~~and for~~ <sup>the</sup> traffic leading to the terminal, not only via A (19) 20, but from Canterbury via A2 and the airport Marlham - Elham valley.

351 Life Member (£5 set or over)

(b) increased pressure  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 175 \text{ incling (approx)} \\ 525 \text{ or a prodomant tax as a rise} \end{array} \right.$  for associated <sup>grand presentations, disposal of</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>waste, garages, storage etc etc.</sup>

1. This society <sup>is organized partly</sup> ~~may be described partly~~ <sup>on an 'area' basis</sup> comprising the villages of (from South to North and in the valley of the Nailbourne - Little Stour) Elham, Barham, Kingston, Bishopshorne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Beckenham. There are representatives of all these villages on the Committee, also Kingston and Elham have their own village societies. <sup>within</sup> (as it were) the area referred to.

2. The Aims are set out on Page 1 of the enclosed Rules.

3. There are 351 LIFE (at £5 or over Subs) members and approx 170 Ordinary members (~~total~~ 521 payers).

4. Many members are opposed to the Tinned Tin scheme or principle - eg the inadvisability of concentrating on one line of communication (which would be vulnerable to various adverse factors) and <sup>concerned</sup> the breaking of the principle of flexibility and dispersion of transport facilities both in peace and war. However this aspect may be ~~quite~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~importance~~ <sup>importance</sup> to some particular issue.

5. Individually and collectively the Society may not be affected by the actual building and siting of the terminal, however

# Kent Federation of Amenity Societies

(Registered with the Civic Trust and affiliated to The C.P.R.K.)

President: Sir Henry J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., MP

Colonel G Elliott  
Nailbourne Protection Society  
The Paddock  
Bishopsbourne  
Canterbury: Kent

29 December 1973

Dear Colonel Elliott

CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

Thank you so much for your letter of 22 December and for responding so helpfully and promptly to the Federation's suggestions.

I am interested to know that the Society has already subscribed towards the Channel Tunnel Opposition Association and I am sure that gestures of this kind yield useful dividends.

Yours sincerely,



CHAIRMAN

Hon. Secretary :

Chairman : A J Percival, 22 Stone St, Faversham, Kent ME13 8PU

Vice-Chairman :

Hon. Treasurer :

Hon. Editor :

KENT FEDERATION OF AMENITY SOCIETIES

From the Chairman: Arthur Percival, BA, FSA,  
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Faversham  
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Tel: Faversham 3261 (home)  
01-930 0914 (office)

18 December 1973

*Dear Colonel Elliott,*

*Received 22 Dec*

CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL: PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Defenders of Kent are writing to all local amenity societies in the County to invite them to support their Petition to the House of Commons against the Channel Tunnel Bill.

Their letter includes a Resolution which it is suggested should be carried by each Society's Committee, and this has to be sent to the Defenders (c/o E C Wilson Esq, Association of Men of Kent & Kentishmen, Cornwallis House, Pudding Lane, Maidstone, Kent.) so as to reach them by 1 January 1974 - a date dictated by the formal procedure on Petitions against 'hybrid' Bills such as the Channel Tunnel Bill.

The Resolution reads as follows:

①

RESOLVED, to petition against the Channel Tunnel Bill and/or to join with others in so petitioning, and the Society hereby authorises any member of the Committee of the Defenders of Kent to sign such petition on its behalf.

The Resolution has to be written or typed on each Society's writing paper, dated and signed by the Chairman, Hon Secretary or other responsible Officer.

If such a Resolution is sent to the Defenders of Kent, your Society is also asked to write a letter in the following terms to the Clerk of Private Bills at the House of Commons:

②

The Clerk of Private Bills  
House of Commons  
London SW1A 0AA

Dear Sir

CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL

I hereby authorise Messrs Sharpe, Pritchard & Co, of 28 Broadway, London SW1, Parliamentary Agents for the \_\_\_\_\_ Society, to sign a Petition on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Society against the Channel Tunnel Bill in the House of Commons, Session 1973/74

Yours faithfully,

(signature)

Hon Secretary

*Nailbourne Protection*

*(2) To Messrs Sharpe Pritchard & Co  
(attn Miss Payne)*

*Action Taken  
24 Dec 73  
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This letter should be on your Society's headed paper, with the name of your Society given where the dashes occur in the model on the previous page. Though addressed to the Clerk of Private Bills, the letter should be sent to Messrs Sharpe, Pritchard & Co, marked for the attention of Mrs Payne, and should reach them by 1 January.

As Chairman of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies I am writing to express the hope that your Society will indeed support the Petition. The present proposals for a Channel Tunnel, embodied in the Bill, would have the most devastating consequences for the County as a whole.

As you know, present plans are for a 'rolling ferry' for motor vehicles (cars, lorries and coaches) with a large terminal at Cheriton, outside Folkestone. The effect of this would be not only to perpetuate the existing situation whereby motor traffic (much of it consisting of heavy lorries) threads and thunders its way through Kent, but also to aggravate the problem by attracting, through Kent to the terminal, additional traffic which at present uses other ports such as Felixstowe, Harwich, Newhaven and Southampton.

The Defenders of Kent, which is an alliance of County amenity organisations (including the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies), is not opposed to the idea of a Tunnel in principle. It is, however, opposed to the present plans, and takes the view that before any final decision is reached much fuller consideration must be given by the Government to the possibility of a 'rail-only' tunnel (one without any major terminal for road traffic in Kent and one giving priority to through rail services for both freight and passengers). In an urgent letter there is not space to enlarge on this argument but I shall be pleased to do so over the telephone if necessary (my office number is 01-930 0914, my home one Faversham 3261).

The purpose of the Petition against the Bill is to expose as many as possible of the fallacies inherent in the present plans and at the same time to improve as many of its provisions as possible. I should perhaps explain (in case you are unfamiliar with the hybrid Bill procedure) that it is not possible to petition against the principle of the Bill itself. I should also make it clear that the Petition is a specialised type of (printed) document, drafted by Parliamentary Agents, and including many detailed grounds of complaint. In other words I am not writing about the kind of petition that includes hundreds or thousands of personal signatures and is submitted (say) to the Secretary of State for the Environment or the Prime Minister. I should also make it clear if your Society decides to support the Petition it will not necessarily be committing itself to any expenditure. Though no doubt in due course the Defenders of Kent will be inviting individuals and organisations throughout the County to contribute towards the cost of the Petition, they are anxious above all for moral support, and it is clearly understood this carries with it no implicit commitment to financial support.

In view of the season and the effects of the national emergency I appreciate that your Society may be unable to call a special Committee meeting to consider this matter before 1 January 1974. However two alternative courses are open to you:

Sent £20.00

1) A number of societies have already established as a feature of policy that they oppose present plans for a Channel Tunnel. If so, it will be sufficient for you (as Hon Secretary) to consult with other Officers and obtain their approval before sending off the Resolution. This will then have to be formally ratified at the next meeting of your Committee.

2) If your Society has not yet made up its mind about the present proposals, then I would appreciate it if you could ring round the members of your Committee and ascertain their views. If a majority of those available are in favour of the Resolution, then it can be sent off and ratified at the next meeting.

I must emphasise that this a matter of extreme urgency. I am sorry to write at such short notice, and at such a difficult time, but, as I have explained, the timetable is a very tight one. I can assure you from experience in other cases that Petitions against hybrid Bills can yield the most useful dividends.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Percival', with a large, stylized flourish.

Arthur Percival.