

## OPINION

### Thank goodness for Michael Stainer's efforts

WITH regard to the article Lift carriage back to its best (March 24), as former treasurer of the 1890 Leas Lift step carriage project, one welcomes the statement made by the spokesman for the Radnor Estate, "we would love to see the carriage back on display".

The Leas Lift Community Interest Company stated some time back, in the press, that it did not want the carriage back on the original track.

Shepway council has washed its hands of it, Radnor Estate do a Pontius Pilate by saying it's nothing to do with us. Thank goodness for Michael Stainer stepping in to store it free of charge and not turning his back on such a magnificently restored carriage.

I would like to thank the Deputy Mayor, Sue Wallace, and town councillor Richard Wallace, who gave up their time to oversee this event on behalf of the town.

Well done to Folkestone Town Council and Go Folkestone, and a disappointing response from Shepway council by avoiding attending on this great day.

*Robert Moulard, Guildhall Street, Folkestone*

### Way digester application was treated is a joke

ON MARCH 15, the residents of Sellindge attended the meeting at County Hall to see the debate on the anaerobic digester, which Countrystyle Developments wants to erect at Otterpool Lane, south of Sellindge.



**LIFTED:** The renovated carriage arrives at the Grand Hotel in Folkestone

Picture : Gary Browne PD1823395

The meeting was a charade, to say the least. Nearly 2,000 signatures opposing the site were presented, which were taken and then completely ignored. There was no mention of consideration for the people of Sellindge. The letter from our MP was related very quickly and then dismissed as incorrect.

One councillor had the audacity to talk about the cafe opposite the proposed site and say that the conditions in the 1960s were very bad from dust, noise and traffic, from the quarry and the vehicles using it. This was totally unfounded as I moved to Sellindge in 1966 and in those days the cafe was very small with no outside facilities.

When the digester is built, there will be

nearly 100 lorries a day delivering food and so on. Entry and exit are at the same place and I can visualise a serious accident when there is a queue of lorries lined up outside, holding up the traffic. Someone will get impatient if they have to wait for work, overtake the lorries and meet by a lorry just leaving.

We are supposed to live in a democracy but the way the applications committee behaved is a joke.

*Fred Turton, Swan Green, Sellindge*



### Labour backs expansion as necessary for jobs

THE government's inquiry into expansion of Lydd Airport is under way. Here, we continue our profiles on key figures in the project

#### WEEK 9: Shepway Labour Party Who are they?

With just over 100 members and no representation on Shepway District Council, the party commands little influence in the area with elections coming on May 5, they will not be written off. Their Romney and Hythe branch has a new chairman, 21-year-old Sainsbury's employee

## Our Man in Westminster

by Damian Collins

