

NEW ROUTE: Arrests made after light aircraft searched in Calais

MP slams traffickers moving to air travel to bring migrants into UK



Dover MP Charlie Elphicke

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DOVER MP Charlie Elphicke has spoken out against people traffickers after three people were arrested trying to smuggle migrants into the UK in a plane.

Dover has experienced its fair share of trafficking in the past, with many migrants trying to get into the country via the Euro-tunnel or in lorries coming from Calais, but to bring migrants in by plane has now been

described as 'unprecedented'.

The British pilot of the four-seat Cessna plane was arrested yesterday along with two other UK nationals at an airport in Calais before the plane took off.

Mr Elphicke said: "Yet again we see that ruthless people-traffickers will stop at nothing to break migrants into Britain.

"We've cracked down on smuggling through lorries, dinghies and small boats. Now they are using light aircraft.

"We cannot allow this latest

extreme tactic to take off.

"We must smash the trafficking gangs and end their evil trade of modern slavery."

Four Albanian migrants were found on-board the plane and it is understood they had been due to fly to a location in the UK.

The arrested men in Calais have yet to be named, but they are said to be aged between 45 and 54.

An investigation into the incident is still underway by French authorities.

Crematorium for dead pets proposed at Swingate farm

AN APPLICATION has been submitted to open a crematorium at Swingate for the incineration of dead pets.

The move has come about because the owners of an existing pets' crematorium at Long Lane Farm, Shepherdswell have been given notice to leave

because the owner of that farm is hoping to get consent to develop that land for housing.

The idea is to switch the pets' crematorium business to redundant outbuildings at Bere Farm which is off the Deal road at Swingate.

In a planning application it is

pointed out only dead pets from a small Dover area are incinerated at the centre and that the next centres are in Margate and Ashford.

It is also pointed out that the ashes of the pets are returned to the owners very shortly afterwards.

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