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To all Interested Parties, affected
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010032

Date: 25 June 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

Application by E.ON Climate & Renewables UK Rampion Offshore Wind Ltd (E.ON) for Rampion Offshore Wind Farm

Notice of appointment of panel, preliminary meeting and availability of relevant representations¹

I am writing to you following my appointment² by the Secretary of State on 20 May 2013 as the lead member of the panel. Other panel members are Frances Fernandes and Glyn Roberts. Together we form the Examining Authority (ExA) which will examine this application for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

The ExA thanks those who have submitted Relevant Representations. These representations have assisted us in considering how to examine this application.

This letter is in six parts with a number of supporting annexes.

1. Your status in the examination
2. Invitation to the preliminary meeting and details about how to suggest additional agenda items
3. The purpose of the preliminary meeting
4. Arrangements for the preliminary meeting
5. Statements of Common Ground
6. Award of Costs

1. Your status in the examination

We are sending you this letter because you fall within one of the categories in s88(3) of the Planning Act 2008.

¹ s88 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and Rule 6 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR) and s61 PA 2008 and Rule 4 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR)

² s61 PA 2008 and Rule 4 The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (EPR)

- If you have made a Relevant Representation, have a legal interest in the land or are a relevant local authority, I can confirm that you are now regarded as an Interested Party in this examination. Interested Parties will receive notifications from the Planning Inspectorate about the examination throughout the process and may make written and oral submissions about the application.
- If you are a prescribed consultee and have not made a Relevant Representation, you will have a further opportunity to notify us that you wish to be treated as an Interested Party following the preliminary meeting.
- If you are not sure whether you are an Interested Party, please contact us using the details provided at the top of this letter.

If you are an Interested Party you have particular legal rights in the process. Information about this and how you can be involved in the examination is set out in the Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 8 –‘How to get involved in the Planning Process’.³

All the Relevant Representations submitted are available for you to access on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal’s website⁴ or to inspect at various locations. The details of where and when the representations and application documents can be inspected are provided in **Annex A** to this letter.

2. Invitation to the preliminary meeting and details about how to suggest additional agenda items

The preliminary meeting will take place on **18 July 2013**. Registration will begin at **9.30am** and the meeting is scheduled to start at **10.00am** at **The Brighton Centre, Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2GR**.

If you wish to attend the preliminary meeting please write, email or telephone the Planning Inspectorate using the address and contact details set out at the front of this letter, marking it for the attention of Jessica Potter (Principal Case Manager). The Inspectorate needs to receive confirmation of your attendance by **9.00am on 8 July 2013**.

In addition, if you wish to make submissions on procedural matters not set out in the preliminary meeting agenda, please contact Jessica Potter at least 7 days before the preliminary meeting.

It will help the management of the preliminary meeting and benefit everyone if you would:

- confirm you will be attending and
- tell us whether you wish to speak at the preliminary meeting and on which agenda items, listing the points you wish to make.

3. The purpose of the preliminary meeting

The purpose of the preliminary meeting is to enable views to be put to us about the way in which the application is to be examined. ***It is important to appreciate that this meeting deals only with procedure and not with the merits of the***

³ <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

⁴ <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/rampion-offshore-wind-farm/?ipcsection=relreps>

application. The merits of the application will be considered once the examination starts, after the preliminary meeting has closed.

The ExA will determine how it will examine the application as soon as practicable after the preliminary meeting. To this end, we are committed to run a fair, efficient and effective preliminary meeting to enable us to hear all relevant views. We strongly encourage groups of individuals who have similar views about the examination process to choose one representative to speak for the group.

The agenda for the preliminary meeting is included in **Annex B** and follows our initial assessment of the principal issues arising from the application. Our assessment of principal issues is set out in **Annex C**.

In **Annex D**, we have detailed our draft examination timetable.

4. Arrangements for the preliminary meeting

On arrival at the Brighton Centre, you will be asked to register your name and your unique reference number (if you have one) with staff of the Planning Inspectorate.

We will announce any changes to the agenda on opening the preliminary meeting, if we consider this will assist the discussion of the procedure for the examination.

On 25 July 2013⁵, we will send you a letter with the timetable for the examination representing our procedural decision as to how the application will be examined. A note and an audio recording will be made of the preliminary meeting. This will be published on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal's website and deposited at the locations listed in **Annex A** to this letter, as soon as practicably possible after the meeting.

Please note:

You are not required to attend the preliminary meeting in order to participate in the examination, although the discussion could provide useful information to help you understand how the process is being/will be managed by the ExA. If you are an Interested Party, you will still be able to make Written Representations and participate in any hearings that are arranged. Should you no longer wish to be an Interested Party and do not wish to be involved in the examination process, you can notify us of this in writing using the contact details at the top of this letter.

5. Statements of Common Ground

We will also discuss Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) at the preliminary meeting. The aim of a Statement of Common Ground is to provide factual information identifying areas of agreement and disagreement, highlighting key issues.

All parties are encouraged to use the pre-examination period and the period leading up to any programmed written submissions and hearings to reach as much consensus as possible and to be clear on any disagreements that remain.

At **Annex E** we have identified initial areas where SoCGs would assist the examination, although it should be noted that this is not an exhaustive list. The ExA

⁵ Rule 8 Letter under the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

would welcome comments on the proposed list of SoCGs given at Annex E at least 7 days before the preliminary meeting, for discussion at the meeting.

6. Award of Costs

I also draw your attention to the possibility of the award of costs against Interested Parties who behave unreasonably. You should be aware of the relevant Cost Policy that applies to National Infrastructure Projects. The Policy is available on the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal website.⁶

We look forward to working with all parties in the examination of this application.

Yours faithfully

Lorna Walker

Lorna Walker
Lead Member of the Examining Authority – on behalf of the Panel

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the Planning Inspectorate website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

⁶ <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/application-process/costs/>

Annex A

Availability of relevant representations and application documents

On the National Infrastructure pages of the Planning Portal's website at:

<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/south-east/rampion-offshore-wind-farm/>

For inspection and copying:

Brighton & Hove City Council Offices, Hove Town Hall, Norton Road, Hove, BN3 3BQ

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The Planning Inspectorate, Major Applications and Plans Directorate, Temple Quay House, Bristol BS1 6PN

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	<p>5. Draft Timetable for the Examination – see Annex D</p> <p>5.1 Deadlines for written submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Written Representations • Local Impact Reports • Responses to Examining Authority (ExA) written questions • Statements of Common Ground • Comments on Written Representations • Comments on Local Impact Reports • Comments on Responses to ExA's written questions <p>5.2 Site Inspections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and time reserved for inspection of a site to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of Interested Parties <p>5.3 Hearings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time period reserved for any Open Floor Hearing(s) • Time period reserved for any Issue Specific Hearings • Time period reserved for a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing • Notifications relating to hearings <p>5.4 Deadline for Completion of the Examination</p>
	<p>6. Close of the Preliminary Meeting</p>

Please note: The timings above are only indicative. Please register and be available from the start and throughout the meeting. Should the consideration of the issues take less time than anticipated, the ExA will conclude the meeting as soon as all relevant contributions have been made. If there are additional matters to be dealt with or any agenda item results in submissions that take a considerable amount of time the meeting may run for longer, the order in which matters are taken may change and additional breaks may be added.

Annex C

Initial Assessment of Principal Issues

This is the initial assessment of the principal issues arising from consideration by the ExA of the application documents and Relevant Representations received concerning the proposed Rampion Offshore Wind Farm.

It is not a comprehensive or exclusive list of all relevant matters. The ExA will have regard to all important and relevant matters in putting forward a recommendation after the examination has closed.

1. Biodiversity, Biological Environment and Ecology

Including effects on marine and terrestrial life, onshore and offshore ornithology and on protected areas and species including in combination effects.

2. Compulsory Powers

Including whether there is a compelling case in the public interest.

3. Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence

Including consideration of the appropriateness of the powers that would be conferred and whether the Order and the Licence would secure the mitigation relied on by the applicant in the Environmental Statement or which is otherwise considered necessary (Note: This topic will necessarily have to be considered on a 'without prejudice' basis).

4. Effects during Construction and Operation

Including the cable route corridor, substation site and effect of electro-magnetic fields on receptors.

5. Landscape / Seascape, Visual and Heritage

Including effects on the South Downs National Park, the Sussex Heritage Coast and on heritage assets including buried archaeological remains onshore and offshore.

6. Marine and Coastal Physical Processes

Including waste and debris with dredging and disposal, chemical pollutants, scouring and scour protection, effects on the coast (erosion and flooding), effects on sea defences and physical effects on port approaches (e.g. deep water channels).

7. Navigation and Risk

Including safety during construction and operation, effects of maintenance of shipping lanes and anchorages, effects on commercial and recreational vessels, local ports and search and rescue operations.

8. Socio Economic

Including effects on tourism and recreation (land and water based), effects on local businesses (land and water based) and effects on nearby ports and commercial fishing.

9. Transport and Traffic

Including effects that traffic generated by the proposal could have on the highway network during construction and operation, environmental effects, in combination

effects with other proposals and effects on other road users.

Please note: The initial assessment of principal issues was carried out on 1 June 2013. Any relevant and important international and/or transboundary effects (including cumulative effects) will be considered under all principal issues above. A number of principal issues are interrelated and this will be reflected and taken into account in the examination.

Annex D

Draft Timetable for Examination of the Application

The Examining Authority (ExA) is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the start day (s98 PA 2008).

Item	Matters	Due Dates
1	<p>Preliminary Meeting</p> <p>If more time is needed to complete the business of the preliminary meeting the Examining Authority will advise at the meeting of the proposed approach to continue the meeting and how this will be notified to all invited parties</p>	<p>Thursday 18 July 2013</p>
2	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Examination timetable⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> Examining Authority's first Questions⁸ (EAQs) <input type="checkbox"/> Requests for Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline for Statutory Parties and persons in certain categories with interest in land⁹ to inform the ExA of a wish to be considered as an Interested Party <input type="checkbox"/> Submission by the applicant of any documents relating to the applicant's proposed corrections and omissions to the application <input type="checkbox"/> Submission by any other party of corrections and omissions in relation to a relevant representation 	<p>Thursday 25 July 2013</p>
3	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for hearings relating to the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence 	<p>Wednesday 7 August 2013</p>

⁷ Rule 8(1) and (2) EPR

⁸ Rule 8(1)(b)(i) and (iii) EPR

⁹ S102A and s102B PA2008

<p>4</p>	<p><u>DEADLINE I</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Local Impact Reports¹⁰ <input type="checkbox"/> Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)¹¹ 	<p>Thursday 8 August 2013 by 12pm</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>DEADLINE II</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Written Representations (WRs) including any summaries of Written Representations of more than 1500 words¹² <input type="checkbox"/> Any summaries of Relevant Representations (RRs) exceeding 1500 words¹³ <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to ExA's first written questions (EAQs)¹⁴ <input type="checkbox"/> Updated matrices prepared by the applicant to inform the Report on Implications for European Sites <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of wish to be heard at Open Floor (OF) Hearing by Interested Parties¹⁵ <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of wish to make oral representation at the Issue Specific Hearing¹⁶ <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of wish to make oral representation at Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Hearing¹⁷ 	<p>Thursday 15 August 2013 by 12pm</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for Open Floor Hearing¹⁸ <input type="checkbox"/> Notification of time and place of ExA's inspection of a site to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of Interested Parties¹⁹ 	<p>Wednesday 21 August 2013</p>

¹⁰ Rule 8(1)(j) EPR

¹¹ Rule 8(1)(e) EPR

¹² Rule 8(1)(a) and (i) and Rule 10(1) and (2) EPR

¹³ Rule 8(1)(i) EPR

¹⁴ Rule 8(1)(b) EPR

¹⁵ S93(1) PA 2008, Rule 8(1)(f) and Rule 13(1) EPR

¹⁶ S91 PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(k) EPR

¹⁷ Rule 8(1)(g) EPR

¹⁸ S93 PA 2008 and Rule 13(3)(a) EPR

¹⁹ Rule 16(3) EPR



7	<input type="checkbox"/> Time period reserved for hearings relating to the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence.	Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 August 2013
8	<p><u>DEADLINE III</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence Hearings and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA	Thursday 5 September 2013 by 12pm
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Time reserved for an Open Floor Hearing ²²	Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September 2013
10	<p><u>DEADLINE IV</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) ²³	Thursday 12 September 2013 by 12pm
11	<p><u>DEADLINE V</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Open Floor Hearings and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA ²⁵	Thursday 19 September 2013 by 12pm
12	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Examining Authority's second written questions (EAQs)	Tuesday 24 September

²⁰ Rule 8(1)(j) EPR

²¹ Rule 8(1)(b) and Rule 8(1)(k) EPR

²² Rule 13(3)(a) EPR

²³ Rule 8(1)(c)(i) and (d)(i) and Rule 3(2)(b) EPR

²⁴ Rule 8(1)(c)(i) and (d)(i) and Rule 3(2)(b) and Rule 10(5) EPR

²⁵ Rule 8(1)(k) EPR

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13	<input type="checkbox"/> Time reserved for ExA's inspection of site(s) to which the application/specific matters relate in the company of Interested Parties ²⁶	Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 September 2013
14	<u>DEADLINE VI</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to comments on Relevant Representations (RRs) ²⁷ <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to comments on Written Representations (WRs) <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to comments on matrices prepared by the applicant to inform the Report on Implications for European Sites	Wednesday 9 October 2013 by 12pm
15	Issue by the Examining Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for Issue Specific Hearings ²⁸	Wednesday 9 October 2013
16	<u>DEADLINE VII</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to ExA's second written questions (EAQs)	Tuesday 15 October 2013 by 5pm
17	Issue by the Examining Authority: <input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for hearings relating to the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence	Wednesday 16 October 2013
18	<input type="checkbox"/> Time reserved for Issue Specific Hearings ²⁹	Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 October 2013 (Friday 1 November 2013 if required)

²⁶ Rule 16(3) EPR

²⁷ Rule 8(1)(c) and (d) EPR

²⁸ S91 PA 2008 and Rule 8(1)(h) and Rule 13(3)(a) EPR



19	<p><u>DEADLINE VIII</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Issue Specific Hearings and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</p>	<p>Wednesday 6 November 2013 by 12pm</p>
20	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings</p>	<p>Wednesday 6 November 2013</p>
21	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Time period reserved for hearings relating to the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence.</p>	<p>Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November 2013</p>
22	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for any other Hearings</p>	<p>Tuesday 12 November 2013</p>
23	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Notification by ExA of date, time and place for hearings relating to the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence</p>	<p>Thursday 14 November 2013</p>
24	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Report on the Implications for European Sites, including the matrices prepared by the ExA for consultation</p>	<p>Tuesday 19 November 2013</p>
25	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Time period reserved for Compulsory Acquisition Hearings</p>	<p>Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 November 2013 (Friday 29 November 2013 if required)</p>

²⁹ Rule 8(1)(h)

26	<p><u>DEADLINE IX</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions (EAQ)</p>	<p>Thursday 28 November 2013 by 12pm</p>
27	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Time period reserved for any other hearings if required</p>	<p>Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 December 2013</p>
28	<p><u>DEADLINE X</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Compulsory Acquisition Hearings and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</p>	<p>Thursday 5 December 2013</p>
29	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Time period reserved for hearings relating to the Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence.</p>	<p>Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December 2013</p>
30	<p><u>DEADLINE XI</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any written comments on Report on the Implications for European Sites, including the matrices prepared by the ExA</p>	<p>Wednesday 11 December 2013 by 12pm</p>
31	<p><u>DEADLINE XII</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <p>Post-Hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Development Consent Order and Deemed Marine Licence Hearings and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</p>	<p>Tuesday 10 December 2013 by 5pm</p>
32	<p>Issue by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ExA's draft Development Consent Order for comments</p>	<p>Friday 13 December 2013</p>
33	<p><u>DEADLINE XIII</u> for receipt by the Examining Authority:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any written comments on the ExA's draft Development Consent Order.</p>	<p>Friday 3 January 2014 by 12pm</p>

34	Final date by which examination must be completed	Saturday 18 January 2014
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Glossary

Affected Person: – AP
 Compulsory Acquisition Hearing: – CA
 Development Consent Order: – DCO
 Examining Authority: – ExA
 Interested Party: – IP
 Issue Specific Hearing: – IS
 Local Impact Report: – LIR
 Open Floor Hearing: – OF
 Planning Act 2008: – PA 2008
 Planning Inspectorate: – PINS
 Relevant Representation: – RR
 Statements of Common Ground: – SoCG
 Statutory Party: – SP
 Written Representations: – WR

Annex E

Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs)

The Examining Authority will be assisted by the preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCGs). These are written statements prepared jointly by the applicant and other relevant parties and submitted to the examination by the applicant. The purpose is to agree factual information that should identify where there is agreement and where there is disagreement; highlighting the key outstanding issues.

SoCGs are usually between the applicant and other relevant parties. Other persons who may have a clear interest but no strong view can also be involved in their preparation. This ensures that they are consulted on emerging common ground between parties whose disagreement might affect their interest.

Parties are encouraged to consider the potential clarity that may be provided by a multi-party statement in relation to each topic. However, it is recognised that bi-party statements may also be of value.

SoCGs are formally requested after the preliminary meeting, when the procedural timetable is issued (see **Annex D** for the draft timetable).

Following its review of the application and Relevant Representations, the ExA has identified a number of potential SoCGs as listed below. There is scope for the applicant and relevant parties to work together to clarify areas of agreement and disagreement in advance of the preliminary meeting and the ExA would strongly encourage this.

A. BIODIVERSITY, BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Including effects on fish and shellfish stocks and onshore and offshore ornithology – The applicant, Marine Management Organisation (MMO)/Cefas, Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE), Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), relevant Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA), including

- Effects of project construction, operation and decommissioning upon the sea bed and water column environment
- Effects on fish and shellfish stocks, including for example effects on habitats, food supplies, breeding, migration, life cycle and life span and mortality rates etc
- Effects of electro-magnetic field (EMF) and of thermal radiation on terrestrial and marine life arising from any aspect of the proposed project
- Effects of project construction, operation and decommissioning on onshore and offshore ornithology.

B. COMPULSORY POWERS – ONSHORE POWERS

Compulsory Powers – The applicant, relevant local authorities, EA including independently from any planning case relating to NPS policy

- Whether the full extent of the proposed cable corridor (and the full extent of all other plots) is required for the proposed works

- Other compulsory powers on streets and to make temporary use of land
- Relationship of the development to schemes permitted by other planning permissions.

C. COMPULSORY POWERS – STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS’ LAND/APPARATUS

Compulsory powers – The applicant, relevant Statutory Undertakers (including National Grid and Network Rail Infrastructure Limited), relevant Port Authorities including

- Whether any statutory undertakers land may be acquired/apparatus removed in view of the provisions of s127 and s138 of the Planning Act 2008.

D. CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND HUMAN HEALTH

Construction, Operation and Human Health effects – the applicant, Public Health England, MMO, EA, relevant local authorities, relevant water authorities, South Downs National Park (SDNP) including

- The cable route corridor
- Drainage and water supply
- Substation site
- Onshore and offshore noise and vibration effects and their mitigation
- Working hours
- Health and safety of offshore construction and operational personnel
- The effect of electro-magnetic fields on human receptors
- Related land contamination impacts.

E. HABITATS AND OFFSHORE REGULATION ASSESSMENT

Including effects upon ecology and habitats – the applicant, NE, MMO/Cefas, RSPB, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC), Sussex Ornithological Trust

- Effects on migratory and non-migratory birds including onshore and offshore habitats, food supply, movement, displacement, breeding and mortality rates.
- Effects on protected species and sites/areas both onshore and offshore, including European Sites and sites/areas designated by the UK Government or by local authorities.

F. HERITAGE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Heritage and built environment effects – The applicant, English Heritage (EH), the Local Authorities, MMO, South Downs National Park including

- Effects upon Ancient Monuments(AM), Listed Buildings(LB) and other protected heritage assets
- Archaeological effects, including buried archaeological remains on and adjoining the site of the proposed offshore and onshore works
- Effects upon the setting of AMs, LBs and other protected heritage assets.

G. LANDSCAPE/ SEASCAPE, VISUAL IMPACTS AND DESIGN

Including the effects of the development on the landscape, effects on the South Downs National Park and proposed mitigation –The applicant, NE,



SDNP, EH, relevant local authorities

- Substation site selection
- The effect of horizontal directional drilling (HDD) and trenching
- Visual impact of the Bolney substation including building heights
- Effects of onshore lighting during construction.

H. MARINE AND COASTAL PROCESSES

Including effects on marine and coastal processes – The applicant, MMO/Cefas, EA, relevant local authorities

- Effects on charted depth, including effects arising from rock and sediment dumping
- Effects on tidal flows, wave heights and deposition/erosion/sedimentary dynamics
- Effects on local climate e.g. as a result of reduction in wind/wave energy
- Effects on flooding and/or coastal protection.

I. NAVIGATION AND RISK

Including effects on navigation, maritime safety and related risks – The applicant, Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), Shoreham Port Authority, Newhaven Port Authority, Chamber of Shipping, relevant Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA), Royal Yachting Association (RYA)

- Effects upon navigation given the project's proximity to shipping lanes/channels, harbours and anchorage/holding areas, including
- Effects on local ports
- Effects on existing cables and pipelines
- Effects on marine traffic routing effects
- Effects on drifting Ship Collision risks and mitigation, including salvage and tug assistance
- Effects on Safety Zones, Active Safety Management System and Emergency Response Coordination Plan (ERCOP)

J. SOCIO ECONOMIC EFFECTS

Socio-economic effects, including effects on ports and harbours, tourism, fishing and displacement of fishing activity – The applicant, Local Authorities, South Downs National Park Authority, Port Authorities, IFCA, Fishermen's associations, MMO

- Effects on ports and harbours including Shoreham and Newhaven Ports
- Effects on fishing businesses and fishing communities
- Effects on main tourist centres, attractions /facilities and accommodation
- Effects on local businesses including farming
- Extent of benefits through direct and indirect employment, local skills, training and development.

K. TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC

Transport and Traffic effects – The applicant, relevant local highway authorities, Highways Agency, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited including

- The adequacy of the traffic data in the Environmental Statement
- Traffic management plans

- Working arrangements during construction and operation
- Environmental effects
- In combination effects with other proposals
- Effects on other road users.

Note:

The ExA has not reached its conclusions on whether these suggested Statements of Common Ground are required or that the named parties should all be involved in their production.

Suggestions that they are not required, or that different / additional statements should be required, or suggestions that parties should be omitted or additional parties should be added will be welcomed at the Preliminary Meeting and in writing one week before.