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## **The Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014**

### **Non-material Change Application**

We are writing to consult you on an application that has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) seeking a non-material change (NMC) to the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (the 2014 Order) and enclose a consultation notice.

In July 2014, development consent was granted by the Secretary of State to E.On Climate & Renewables UK Rampion Offshore Wind Limited - now Rampion Offshore Wind Limited (ROW) - for the 2014 Order. This can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/rampion-offshore-wind-farm>

We are now seeking to make a Non Material Change to the 2014 Order.

An application was submitted to BEIS for this change on 15 October 2020 (the Application). Consultation with relevant parties is now required before BEIS can decide whether or not to make the requested change to the 2014 Order.

### **Consultation on the Application**

You are being formally consulted on this amendment either because you were previously consulted on the application for the 2014 Order or because you may have an interest in the proposed realignment of the footpath.

ROW is seeking to alter the 2014 Order to authorise an alternative alignment of a public footpath (Footpath 8T on the local highway authority's definitive map) which commences at Bob Lane, Twineham and which proceeds north from Bob Lane to the A272 Cofield Road.

The 2014 Order permits the diversion of a 200m section of Footpath 8T by a "dog leg" approximately 120m to the east of the original alignment and the stopping up of the original section of footpath. Such a significant diversion is now not required because a substation that was constructed in this location under the 2014 Order (and which gave rise to the need for a footpath diversion) require a smaller area than was anticipated when the application for development consent was made. The Applicant has since agreed a shorter and more direct diversion for the footpath with West Sussex County Council ("WSCC") from that originally proposed under the 2014 Order. The revised route now diverts the same 200m section of Footpath 8T approximately 20-30m to the east of the original alignment (please see the plans and application covering letter enclosed with this letter).

The shorter diversion is wholly within ROW's freehold ownership and has been provisionally constructed as part of ROW's landscaping scheme, with minor tying works remaining to be carried out. This temporary footpath is already in use by the public and will be completed as a permanent footpath if the Application is approved by BEIS.

The Application documents and plans showing the nature and location of the proposed diversion are available for inspection, free of charge, on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal (Rampion Offshore Wind Farm) page here:

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

Click on the 'Documents' tab and then click on 'Decided' in the documents navigation area.

A free digital or paper copy of the Application can be obtained from us on request using the Applicant's contact details in the notice enclosed with this letter.

Please send any representations about the Application by email to the Planning Inspectorate at:

[RampionOffshoreWindFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:RampionOffshoreWindFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or (in writing) to: National Infrastructure Planning, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Please quote Rampion Offshore Wind Farm and reference **EN010032** on any correspondence. The deadline for receipt of representations is **27 November 2020**.

Please note that any representations received by the Secretary of State in response to the consultation will be handled in compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation and published on the National Infrastructure Planning Portal (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>) with all personal information removed.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the Applicant's contact details in the notice enclosed with this letter.

Yours sincerely



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**Rampion Offshore Wind Limited**

**Enclosures**

1. Regulation 6 consultation notice
2. Location plan
3. Plan showing consented and revised footpath diversion
4. Application covering letter sent to BEIS on 15 October 2020