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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 - Non-material Change (NMC) Application

Atkins Telecoms/Vodafone – Reference NRSWA/544/17676

Thank you for your letter dated 8 December 2020. We act for Rampion Offshore Wind Limited.

We have taken instructions and can confirm that our client does not intend to carry out any works to cut off, divert or otherwise impact on the Vodafone apparatus that is installed in the vicinity of the application site.

The majority of the works to divert the public footpath to the revised location have already been carried out on site. These works did not involve any significant excavation works below the surface of the soil.

Our client has noted the contents of your letter and the plan attached to it. Should any requirement be identified to carry out works that would impact on any Vodafone apparatus, our client would only seek to undertake such works with your prior agreement to the works and any reimbursement costs that our client may be required to meet.

The current proposals in the NMC application do not involve the stopping up of any new or different section of Footpath 8T. The stopping up of the original section of footpath (as shown on the attached plan) was previously authorised under The Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (the Order). The NMC application is made only to alter the route of the diverted footpath from the diverted route that was previously authorised under the Order. The revised diversion will be shorter and closer in alignment to the original route of the footpath. As such, we do not consider that a stopping up wayleave agreement is required in this instance.

We hope this letter is helpful. We will send a copy of it to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) (Denise.libretto@beis.gov.uk) and the Planning Inspectorate (RampionOffshoreWindFarm@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

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If you are now happy to withdraw your objection to the NMC application, could you please confirm that to BEIS and the Planning Inspectorate, with a copy to us?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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Enc:

Plan showing revised footpath diversion as proposed in the NMC Application

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1. The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
2. The Planning Inspectorate