



Rampion 2 Project
Rampion Extension Development Ltd

c/o RWE Renewables Greenwood House Westwood Way Westwood Business Park Coventry CV4 8PB

The Planning Inspectorate
(On behalf of The Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP, Secretary of State, Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy)
Temple Quay House
Temple Quay
Bristol
BS1 6NN

13th October 2022

Dear Sir, Madam,

Notice of Proposed Application pursuant to Section 46 Planning Act 2008: The proposed Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order

Forthcoming Consultation under Section 42 Planning Act 2008

Notice was given to the Secretary of State under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 on 14th July 2021 that Rampion Extension Development Limited (RED) intends to develop and construct a new offshore wind farm located around 13km from the Sussex coast at its nearest point. The Project will connect to the national electricity transmission network via underground cables from a landfall at Climping, West Sussex, to the existing National Grid electricity substation at Bolney in Mid-Sussex, via a new dedicated Rampion 2 'satellite' substation at Oakendene, Cowfold.

The Project will have an installed capacity of over 100MW and therefore falls within the definition of a "nationally significant infrastructure project". As a result, RED is required to submit an application for a development consent order (**DCO**) to the Secretary of State.

Following the giving of notice in July 2021 the Applicant undertook consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications:

Prescribed forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('Statutory Consultation') between 14th July and 16th September 2021 which was then re-opened for a period between 7th February and 11th April 2022 to consult coastal residents who did not receive consultation leaflets as intended. The Applicant wrote directly to the coastal addresses which were omitted to provide them an opportunity to respond to consultation. In considering the responses to the Statutory Consultation, ongoing engagement, and its further environmental assessment and engineering works, the Applicant has identified a number of proposed alternative options and modifications to the Project and the previously identified onshore cable route.

Please accept this letter as notice to the Secretary of State under Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (the **Act**), of RED's continuing intention to submit an application in relation to the Project and that it intends to carry out a further round of statutory consultation pursuant to section 42 of the Act commencing on 18 October **2022** and closing on 29 November **2022**.

Accordingly we enclose the following

- A copy of the letter being sent to all consultation bodies pursuant to sections 42,
 and 44 of the Act; and
- 2. A copy of the section 48 notice.

The following consultation materials are being made available via the Project website at website ::

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) to the PEIR;
- Supplementary Information Report (SIR) to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR);
- Consultation booklet
- Other documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposal; and
- the Consultation Response form.

For the avoidance of doubt, we confirm that the Applicant prepared an Updated Statement of Community Consultation ("Updated SoCC") in respect of this further round of consultation and consulted with the following local authorities, together with the Marine Management Organisation in respect of the content thereof:

Local Authorities Consulted under S47 of the Act:

- Arun District Council;
- Horsham District Council;
- Mid Sussex District Council;
- South Downs National Park Authority;
- West Sussex County Council; and

Neighbouring Local Authorities:

- Adur District Council;
- Worthing Borough Council;
- East Sussex County Council.
- Eastbourne Borough Council;
- Brighton and Hove City Council;
- Isle of Wight Council;
- Lewes District Council;
- Wealden District Council;
- Chichester District Council;

The Applicant published a notice in the Sussex Express, West Sussex County Times, the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette and the Argus between 12th and 14th October 2022 pursuant to section 47(6) of the Act, advising that the updated SoCC will be made available on the project website and for inspection and collection from 18 October until 29 November 2022 at the following publicly accessible venues:

- Ferring Library;
- Littlehampton Library;
- Bognor Regis Library;
- Storrington Library;
- Henfield Library;
- Arundel Library; and
- Steyning Library.

We have also enclosed a copy of that notice for your information.

As is normal practice, we are in communication with The Planning Inspectorate during our pre-application phase. However, if you wish to discuss this letter or any other matters in connection with the Project, please contact me at the details below.

Yours faithfully



Rob Gully Senior Consents Manager



Enc: Copy of a Notice under s47(6) of the Act

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the Act; and

Copy of the section 48 notice