

A Relevant Representation to The Planning Inspectorate, Rampion 2

Good Afternoon,

I wish to make a relevant representation, in my personal capacity as a farmer, across whose land the Rampion cable route is currently planned and also as a resident of Wiston village. I have previously submitted a relevant registration on behalf of Wiston Parish Council, of which I am a member, under registration number 20042532.

There are four main areas where the planning of the Rampion project has fallen way short of the standards that should be expected.

1) Not listening to local parish councils and communities.

On 11th February 2021, I emailed Chris Tomlinson, with a copy to Jenn Bryden. I outlined an alternative route between kilometre 15 and kilometre 22. This alternative (or 'Southern' route) would reroute the cable trench south of both Washington and Wiston. This Southern route, that was proposed by Wiston Parish Council, was broadly accepted as a huge improvement by Washington Parish Council and The Wiston Estate. In a reply to the submission, an email was received, on 11 February, from Jenn Bryden, consultation manager Rampion 2, which said: "I find it a thorough and productive contribution to our consideration. Throughout the consultation process, I felt that nobody really took the Southern route seriously, despite being the much preferred route for the local communities.

2) Not trying to minimise disruption to farmers and rural households.

The Southern route will cause minimal disruption to the villages of Washington and Wiston. Very few rural households will be inconvenienced.

3) Not Scoping alternative routes

Despite the fact that the Southern route was supported by the local community, as I understand it, it was not scoped at all.

4) Very poor communication with Farmers and Landowners

As an example, I received an official legal document on 15/03/23, from Carter Jonas, on behalf of their client. The document was titled "Key Terms for an Option and Deed of Easement". On 17/03/23 I emailed Carter Jonas asking simple questions, such as; 'when will the project start/end' and 'will I have access across the route at all times'. Despite being offered a 10% uplift to sign the document within 6 weeks, it took Carter Jonas until 07/08/23 to reply to my original email.

I submit this as advised by Jennifer Savage.

Kind regards

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