

Dear Panel,

I would like to ask if a future meeting could be held at Cowfold, perhaps in the village hall? The venue in Brighton is not easy for people here to attend, particularly the elderly, and again, elderly people may not be comfortable to attend on Zoom.

Cowfold will have to bear a significant burden of the construction impacts and the long lasting effects once operational. It is important that residents feel they have had an opportunity to hear what is said and that they understand what may happen, particularly as consultation with this community by Rampion has been so inadequate up to now and many people feel this is being imposed on them by stealth.

With regards to the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues, I would like, in the same vein, to request at some stage a hearing covering ALL the impacts on Oakendene and the northern cable route of the substation.

Even though Ecology is mentioned as a Principal Issue, the detail does not seem to mention this area, but only specially recognised sites. I feel there needs to be consideration of this area also because of the permanent onshore structure, but all the more so if a specific Oakendene Hearing was not agreed to.

Similarly, although the draft agenda does include socioeconomics and tourism, confusingly, these are not listed in the Principal Issues. Please could Economic impacts be included as a Principal Issue therefore?

Thank you

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