

Submission for Preliminary Hearing on February 6th 2024 for Application by Rampion Extension Development Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rampion 2 Offshore Windfarm Project

Your ref: EN010117

We are a landowner on the South Downs who wish to support Rampion 2 Project as an increase in renewable energy for the country.

However, we have been continually frustrated by the vagueness of plans, the lack of clarity and open-endedness of numerous lengthy communications which makes it difficult to plan from a farming and business perspective.

The maps indicate vastly wider areas of work than are actually required and it is difficult to see where the work will actually take place. In addition, the planning application also covers an unnecessarily wide area which is of concern. In particular, the planning permission application for DCO includes farming infrastructure such as livestock troughs and barns which are far from the proposed route of the cable. Plus, a 99 year lease for the access way seems excessive to inspect infrastructure which will be out of date well before that.

The farm is at the end of a single track lane which is used for the church, holiday cottage guests, walkers and other users including residents. Vague references and sloppy marks on the plans are not distinct enough for us to be able to assess the impact of the project access on other residents, our customers and ourselves.

We request that the plan is examined to produce greater accuracy and less uncertainty, so that we will be able to assess the full impact of the project. We ask to be made aware in good time of any Site Inspections and we would like to accompany any visits on Sullington Manor Farm.

We appreciate your efforts in improving this project application and for taking our comments into consideration.

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