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Your ref: 20045335

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Dear Sir / Madam of Examining Authority,

EN010117 Response to Rule 6 Letter: Mr Dickson ref.

We write in response to the Rule 6 letter pursuant to the Section 88 and 89 Planning Act 2008 (“Act”) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 regarding the application by Rampion Extension Development Ltd (“RED”) for a new offshore windfarm.

We act on behalf of Mr Dickson who is an interested party with unique reference number 20045335. The purpose of this letter is to deal with the respective procedural points as detailed in the Rule 6 Letter.

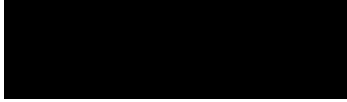
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Principal Issue of Equality

1. We respectfully request that the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues, prepared under s88(1) of the Act, specifically addresses the issue of equality as set out by the Equality Act 2010 (“EA 2010”).
2. The Examining Authority must take note that Mr. Dickson, a farmer, faces a severe impact to his livelihood if the Application proceeds without reasonable adjustments to the location and manner of the cable route installation on his property. It is quite certain that his ability to continue his business will be entirely extinguished. Given the [REDACTED] protection granted to him under the EA 2010, Mr. Dickson requires a platform to comprehensively present his concerns to the Examining Authority.
3. Against a backdrop of RED’s unwillingness to negotiate and agree heads of terms or to make any reasonable route alignment adjustments to mitigate the damage, it is necessary that this issue is examined as a stand-alone issue.

4. As a result, we strongly request an issue specific hearing on Mr. Dickson's behalf, providing a comprehensive platform for the examination of the Equality Act 2010 in the context of RED's application.

Yours sincerely,



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