
From: Neil Crowther [REDACTED]@arun.gov.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2024 10:24

To: Rampion2 <Rampion2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Cc: Alice Humphries [REDACTED]@iceniprojects.com>; [REDACTED]@rwe.com

Subject: Summary of Relevant Reps Jan 24

In accordance with Annex E of the Rule 6 letter, please find attached the requested summary of relevant reps.

Thanks, Neil

Neil Crowther BA Hons Dip TP MRTPI
Group Head of Planning

T: [REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED]@arun.gov.uk

Arun District Council, Civic Centre, Maltravers Rd
Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5LF

www.arun.gov.uk

<https://www.arun.gov.uk>

DX 57406 Littlehampton

You can view Arun District Council's Privacy Policy from <https://www.arun.gov.uk/privacy-policy>

Arun District Council
Arun Civic Centre
Maltravers Road
Littlehampton
West Sussex, BN17 5LF

Tel: 01903 737500
Fax: 01903 730442
DX: 57406 Littlehampton
Minicom: 01903 732765
e-mail: [REDACTED]@arun.gov.uk



By email only
rampion2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

15 January 2024

Please ask for: Neil Crowther

Your Ref: EN010117

Our Ref:

Direct Dial: [REDACTED]

Dear Planning Inspectorate

**Summary of Arun District Council's (ADC) Relevant Representation
Planning Inspectorate's Ref: EN010117**

In accordance with the Examining Authority's Rule 6 Letter, dated 14 December 2023, this letter provides a summary of Arun District Council's (ADC) Relevant Representation for Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm (the Project) submitted on 6 November 2023 (ref. RR-033).

1. General

- Insufficient evidence has been provided of the alternatives (including for the location of Climping Compound) studied by the Applicant, taking into account environmental effects;
- Insufficient justification for the substantial size of Climping Compound; and
- Lack of commitment and securing mechanism of mitigation, monitoring and compensation.

2. Socio-economics/Economics/Tourism

- Limited detail within the Outline Skills and Employment Strategy. This is a concern given the adverse effects the District will experience during construction and the low number of locally skilled jobs created in Arun from the Project;
- ADC is expecting to be a consultee for the development of the Outline Skills and Employment Strategy, together with a recipient and consultee regarding benefits (particularly learning opportunities such as apprenticeships and at universities);
- A Community Benefits Package is necessary to assist in compensation and ADC has concerns about securing benefits from this package;
- Concerns regarding displaced tourism from Arun and adverse effects on tourist assets. Whilst there may be a neutral effect at the wider area level, areas directly affected by construction such as Arun will experience at least temporary adverse effects; and
- The cable route crosses the housing allocation 'Strategic Housing Allocation SD4 Littlehampton – West Bank' (allocated in the adopted Local Plan). No consideration

has been given to the effect on the strategic housing allocation in terms of the implications and any sterilisation of land.

3. Seascape, Landscape and Visual

- Significant concerns regarding the scale of wind turbine generators relative to the proximity to the coastline and the resulting significant visual effects. Concerns regarding the visual effects from the horizontal directional (HDD) compound and Climping Compound;
- Concerns regarding the potential for onshore landscape scarring. Landscape reinstatement to be an appropriate like for like replacement, taking into account new/emerging threats from diseases and biodiversity enhancements; and
- Landscape reinstatement and maintenance programme to align and comply with the requirements of the biodiversity net gain for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects, which is expected to come into force in 2025.

4. Terrestrial and Marine Ecology

- Significant concerns regarding the cable route passing beneath and near to the Climping Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Nationally scarce invertebrates have been identified on the sand dunes of Climping beach; and
- Biodiversity net gain is expected to be assessed at District level and achieved within the administrative area of Arun. ADC also expect marine benefits and contribution to marine restoration projects such as Help the Kelp.

5. Noise

- Concerns regarding the adequacy of the noise assessment, including the modelling of the noise sources, assessment of background noise levels (in relation to the Climping Compound), omissions and validity of the assessment method.

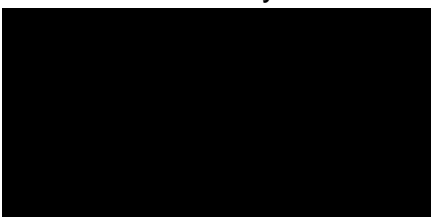
6. Historic Environment

- An assessment has not been undertaken for some non-designated heritage assets within the 1km study area, including No's 45-47 South Terrace, which are listed buildings, locally listed buildings and South Terrace Area of Character.

7. Human Health and Population

- Clarification regarding the population and human health assessment (Chapter 28 of the ES) as to why a determination for sensitivity and magnitude can produce two different outcomes. This ambiguity could lead to a misunderstanding as to whether the effect on a receptor is non-significant or significant; and
- The Equalities Impact Assessment (Tables 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 of Appendix 28.3 of the ES) is not limited to the protected characteristics (i.e. age, sex, race, religion etc.) as per the Equalities Act and therefore clarification of the assessment is required regarding the protected characteristics.

Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
Group Head of Planning
Arun District Council