



## The Planning Inspectorate

### EN010117: Application by Rampion Extension Limited for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm

Action points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 1

#### FOR THE APPLICANT:

**DAY 1 - Wednesday 7 February 2024**

AP	Description	By When
Agenda Item 2 – The Proposed Development and Alternatives		
1	Applicant to make Development Consent Order (DCO) wording tighter with regards to limiting development to uniform turbine type, height and rotor diameter.	D2 (at first update to the draft DCO)
2	Applicant to make response in detail as to level of wind resource in the Channel.	D1
3	Applicant to provide additional evidence and justification to explain why the National Grid substation at Fawley and Dungeness were discounted – the substations which would have avoided an onshore cable route – including information on the challenges of crossing the shipping lanes at Southampton and the designated Inshore Traffic Zone.	D1
4	Applicant to provide additional evidence and justification to explain why the Wineham Lane North site was discounted for the onshore substation, with a focus on the engineering and environmental constraints of site.	D1
5	Confirmation of onshore cable route – including points of leaving and entering the South Downs National Park.	D1
6	Provide more evidence to corroborate Applicant's conclusions regarding effects on setting of Oakendene Manor including the viewpoint from the South East corner of the site.	D1 (at least a prog-

		ress update)
7	Applicant to provide more detail on Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) including depths of cables at the landfall, under Climping Beach.	D1
<b>Agenda Item 3 – Traffic and Access</b>		
8	Note to be provided on the principal differences between the 1993 and 2023 Institute of Environmental Management's Traffic Assessment Guidance documents and whether there would be difference in the outcome of the assessment if the latter was used.	D2
9	Submission of detailed information on the proposed design of accesses and HDD proposals at A27 Hammerpot, as raised by National Highways.	D1
10	Applicant to review Fig 7.6.8 + 7.6.9C of Construction Traffic Assessment plan and re-submit clarifying that areas of Bolney will not be used for construction traffic.	D1
11	A Traffic Management Plan for Michelgrove Lane is to be provided.	D1
12	Note to be provided on options for ensuring HGVs do not arrive on site outside of the agreed construction hours.	D1
13	Consideration of whether construction hours should form a requirement in the draft DCO.	D2 (as first update to draft DCO)
<b>Agenda Item 4 - Effects of the Proposed Substation at Cowfold / Oakendene</b>		
14	Provide a plan demonstrating why areas serviced from A61 and A64 off Kent Street cannot be serviced by a haul road from Access A63 Oakendene substation compound.	D1
15	Traffic Management Plan for Kent Street which considers, or signposts, an assessment of the effect of the construction egress on its rural character to be submitted.	D2
16	Provide a note which explores the feasibility of HGVs accessing the areas serviced by A57, A56, A53 and A52 via haul roads south from A63 or North from A50.	D1
17	Applicant to provide LGV and workforce vehicle numbers travelling through Cowfield AQMA to A57, A56, A53 and A52 and what these equate to in numbers and percentage in	D1

	comparison to predicted traffic flows without the Proposed Development.	
18	Applicant to consider and report on alternatives to the use of Dragons Lane for exceptional HGV use during the operational phase of the Proposed Development.	D1
19	Applicant to provide details on how HGVs would negotiate Dragons Lane in exceptional circumstances during the operational phase of the Proposed Development, a matter raised by Mr Crawford Clark.	D1
20	Applicant to provide additional details of the proposed onshore substation site at Oakendene with site levels in relation to flood risk.	D1
<b>Agenda Item 5 – Construction Effects</b>		
21	Review C-5 and C-17 of the Commitments Register, and the Trenchless Crossing plans, to remove ambiguity on the use of trenchless crossing and to affirm trenchless crossing means that set out in the Crossing Schedule.	D1
22	<p>Applicant to provide details of length and area of temporary and permanent vegetation removal and reinstatement in the form of tabular data for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Length of hedgerow</li> <li>- Length of important hedgerow</li> <li>- Length of potentially important hedgerow</li> <li>- Length of treeline</li> <li>- Area of woodland</li> <li>- Number of trees</li> </ul> <p>This should also include the length and areas of the above within the South Downs National Park.</p>	D1
23	Review all bell mouth access points on whether necessary hedgerow removal has been taken into account.	D1
24	The Applicant to ensure consistency between the Environmental Statement and Arboricultural Impact Assessment regarding tree and hedgerow loss and clearly explain any necessary differences.	D1
25	Possible amendment to Commitment C-216 of the Commitments Register wording to make a clearer commitment regarding ancient woodland. Suggestion to remove the word 'where' in the first sentence.	D1

26	Applicant to review the Order limits for Work No.9 and Michelgrove Park Area and Sunnington Hill to remove the central areas not required.	D1
<b>Agenda Item 6 - South Downs National Park</b>		
27	Submission of a singular document on the effects of the Proposed development on the special qualities of the South Downs National Park including mitigation and enhancement proposals. The Applicant may, if this cannot be provided, instead submit a sign-posting document to this effect.	D1

**DAY 2 – Thursday 8 February 2024**

<b>AP</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>By When</b>
<b>Agenda Item 9 – Commercial Fishing</b>		
28	Note to set out updated position on liaison/consultation with the fishing industry to be provided, with the current stance of fishing industry.	D1
29	The Applicant to set out the examples of lessons learnt from Rampion 1 that can be incorporated in Rampion 2, including in relation to crab species.	D1
30	Update the Outline Fisheries Liaison and Co-existence Plan with respect to whether third parties can activate the dispute resolution process, the disruption compensation process, and how this would be secured.	D1
31	Information on likely fishing activity in winter months in the array area, with evidence from Rampion 1.	D1
<b>Agenda Item 10 - Ornithology</b>		
32	The Applicant to explain how the layout of the wind turbine generators in the Proposed Development meets the criteria in EN-3 (2024) paragraph 2.8.240.	D1
33	The Applicant to submit an updated Kittiwake Implementation and Monitoring Plan into the Examination in light of Natural England's comments. (Already planned)	D1

34	The Applicant to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- an In-combination assessment on the impacts on guillemot and razorbill at the Flamborough and Filey Coast Special Protection Area and</li> <li>- an In-combination assessment on the impacts on guillemot at the Farne Islands Special Protection Area.</li> </ul> (Already planned)	D1
<b>Agenda Item 11 - Underwater Noise</b>		
35	Applicant to provide a justification supported by figures and calculations for the worst-case operational noise scenario.	D1
36	Applicant to respond in detail to Natural England concerns relating to Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) issues.	D1
37	To provide clarity on UXO clearance, as raised by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), including how the clearance is to be licenced and secured.	D1
38	To consider the submission of herring and sandeel heat maps using the MarineSpace 2013 methods.	D1
39	If there would be potential noise impacts having a behavioural effect on herring, what would be the effect on this species during spawning.	D1
40	Confirm extent of consultation with divers to this extent and any agreements or commitments made.	D1
41	More evidence on the effectiveness of offshore noise abatement measures, taking into account worst case scenarios.	D1
<b>Agenda Item 12 - Marine Mammals</b>		
42	The Applicant to submit a 'Working in proximity to wildlife protocol' into the examination, in lieu of an Outline Vessel Management Plan.	D1
43	The Applicant to update and resubmit Volume 2, Chapter 11 Marine Mammals of the Environmental Statement (APP-052) to include the missing projects.	D1
44	Applicant to update the bottle nose dolphin assessment to take account change in management areas.	D1

Agenda Item 13 - Offshore Physical Processes and Benthic Ecology		
45	Consideration of a commitment to use rock bags, including their material.	D1
46	More details required of proposed alternatives to use of floatation pits, such as gravel beds. The environmental effects of these alternatives should also be assessed in the Environmental Statement.	D1
47	Applicant to directly respond to points raised in Relevant Representations (RRs) regarding the issue of the potential effects on the kelp regeneration projects in Sussex Bay. Sign-post bentonite response to Natural England and geo-technical survey during examination	D1
48	To provide details including the sign-posting of existing coverage within the Environmental Statement relating to the release of bentonite and its possible environmental effects in the nearshore areas.	D1
Agenda Item 14 - Shipping and Navigation		
49	More details to be provided with regard to the possibility of obtaining a pilot exemption certificate.	D1
50	Information about potential port development, such as development at Newhaven, and how whether this has been assessed and whether this would be covered by the DCO.	D1
Agenda Item 15 - Aviation		
51	Update on communication with Ministry of Defence on military aviation issues.	D1
Agenda Item 16 - Draft Development Consent Order		
52	Article 2 - Consideration as to whether the "carve out" works as set out in the definition of "commence" should not include those matters defined by Requirements 10, 12, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 24.	D2 (as first update to draft DCO)
53	Article 2 - Consideration as to whether the Outline Offshore Operations and Maintenance Plan ought to be defined in Article 2 or listed as a certified document in Schedule 16.	D2
54	Article 2 – Consider the definition of "statutory undertaker" should align with that defined by the Planning Act and include s138(4A).	D2

55	Article 32 – The ExA is concerned that the power contained within Article 32(10), which authorises the Undertaker to acquire new rights or impose restrictive covenants over land identified as Temporary Possession, is too broad and imprecise, and has been struck down by the Secretary of State on a number of Orders. The Applicant indicated that the power would only apply to specific plots, but the power is not restricted as such. Review and amend.	D2
56	Part 5 (and elsewhere) The ExA is concerned that the terms “covenant” “restrictive covenant” and “restrictive and other covenants” is too broad and imprecise, and it should be simplified and defined. Consider and respond.	D2
57	Article 57 - Check the terminology “Inconsistent Planning Permissions”.	D2
58	Review whether the list set out in Requirement 22(5) should also include details of the compounds and soil areas.	D2
59	Consider changes to Requirement 8 to reflect the measures set out in the Design and Access Statement as raised by Horsham DC.	D2
60	Review whether a separate Requirement is needed for Protected Species, which the Applicant initially proposes to control via the Code of Construction Practice but which is not supported by Natural England.	D2
61	Review draft DCO to ensure the South Downs National Park are appropriately referred to.	D2
62	Respond to National Highways oral representations which were (amongst other things): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Highways should be similarly defined in the draft DCO as other statutory bodies;</li> <li>- amend highway authority to include National Highways in Article 2;</li> <li>- A27 to be explicitly referred to in draft DCO; and</li> <li>- Schedule 1 lacks a governance of works.</li> </ul>	D2