

Not being familiar with the process it is unclear to me whether at this stage I should be repeating my objection/comments regarding the project or adding to them in response to the meetings in Brighton earlier this month so I apologise in advance if I've got it wrong but would appreciate this further comment being read.

What the meetings did do was to spark a number of conversations both locally in person and online (social media and other forums). I felt it incumbent on me to make representation to you to inform you of the quite shocking number of people who have no idea that Rampion 2 is a different project. So many seem to think that the current wind turbines (Rampion 1) are 'it', all done and dusted. I have basically been told I am making false claims when I talk about 90 additional turbines, potentially 325metres high etc etc etc. How can it be that local people don't know of such a significant project that will change their locality for decades to come, possibly forever? It boils down to poor communication and poor consultation - one might have thought that the consultation side of it would have been dealt with after the first flawed attempt. Even for someone like me who has kept abreast of the project, RWE have failed to address issues like, for example, what the visual effect of the turbines will be on the coastline. It has been down to the likes of 'Protect Coastal Sussex' to put together animations from different vantage points. Clearly, if people aren't even aware of what Rampion 2 is they will not be searching for information on the project and so will not have had the opportunity to grasp the enormity of what is proposed to be done to such a significant part of what is currently a beautiful seascape. Indeed, even if people are aware of the project, surely it should have been the responsibility of RWE to provide such graphics (in all other planning applications that I am aware of this is a necessity in order to ensure that those affected by the plans have all the detail they need on which to make an informed comment). RWE do appear to be lacking in this respect - it simply shouldn't be down to a third party to provide such detail but, in this instance, thank goodness PCS did.

Protect Coastal Sussex have done so much work on this project and have voiced all my concerns (much better than I have been able) and more. I urge you to study very carefully the detail they have so meticulously brought together and to hold RWE to account.

I end by repeating my strong belief that whilst wind energy does make a significant contribution to our energy supplies the siting of Rampion 2 is simply not appropriate, there being other more efficacious sites further out to sea which will not have such devastating effects on the locality in which it is situated. Thank you.