

Within the time of public consultation at Cowfold the assessments on key issues of impact were so inadequate (or evasive) as to justify the choice in preference to other sites which, e.g. did have adequate environmental assessments made in 2012. Oakendene is in sight to the North from the rising ground of the High Weald, ANOB. The substation, however, would be much further from the NG which it would serve than both the alternative sites considered.

Mitigation proposals for conserving the ecology of the site which is rich in bio-diversity are not encouraging nor is replacement of individual oak trees in the way of cable runs seriously documented.

The westerly works compound proposal would be a disaster, increasing cross-traffic flows to the main site nearby and degrading the already congested stretch of the A272. The excessive number of parked vehicles juggling with cement lorries etc would impose heavy environmental risks to the adjacent tributary of the River Adur.

The economic future of the Industrial Estate would be in doubt but there could be no avoiding a huge economic impact due to worsening

traffic delays on the main road linking Cowfold village with the A23. All the above issues of Rampion2's likely impact are yet to be addressed.