



Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm
Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
EN010117

Written Representations Mid Sussex District Council

Interested Party Reference number: 20045303

28th February 2024

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- 1.1 Rampion Extension Development Ltd has submitted an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for a new offshore windfarm with up to 90 wind turbine generators, offshore and onshore substations and electricity transmission infrastructure.
- 1.2 This Witten Representation confirms the position of Mid Sussex District Council in respect of the proposed development and should be read in conjunction with the Council's Local Impact Report (28th February 2024). The Local Impact Report sets out in more detail the Council's assessment of what it considers to be some of the key issues insofar as they impact upon Mid Sussex.
- 1.3 Overall, Mid Sussex District Council raises no objections to the proposed development and supports the principle of the project which is to make a significant contribution towards the generation of clean sustainable energy supplies. There are however a number of issues raised in the Local Impact Report that need to be satisfactorily addressed.
- 1.4 The main issue identified within the Local Impact Report (paras 4.29 - 4.33) that needs to be addressed by the applicant is the proposed construction working hours. In short, the Council considers that the proposed working hours are an hour too early, with a 07:00 start time proposed on weekdays and 08:00 on Saturdays. Coupled with the additional HGV movements and other associated construction traffic an hour before, noise and disruption caused to local residents at such an unsocial time would be significant. The strong preference for Mid Sussex District Council would therefore be for the applicant to amend their proposed core construction hours to more closely reflect those that are applied to other developments within the district by the Council which include an 08:00 start on weekdays and an 09:00 start on Saturdays.
- 1.5 Securing appropriate mitigation in respect of a number of other issues is going to be essential to the successful delivery of the proposed development to ensure that its impacts are minimised. The mitigation measures identified as being particularly important to the Council are outlined in the Local Impact Report. These relate to the landscape and visual impacts, air quality, noise and vibration, ecology, transport, the historic environment and the water environment.

1.6 As set out in the Local Impact Report, the appropriate mitigation measures can be secured through either Development Consent Order itself or through amending the supporting documents where applicable.