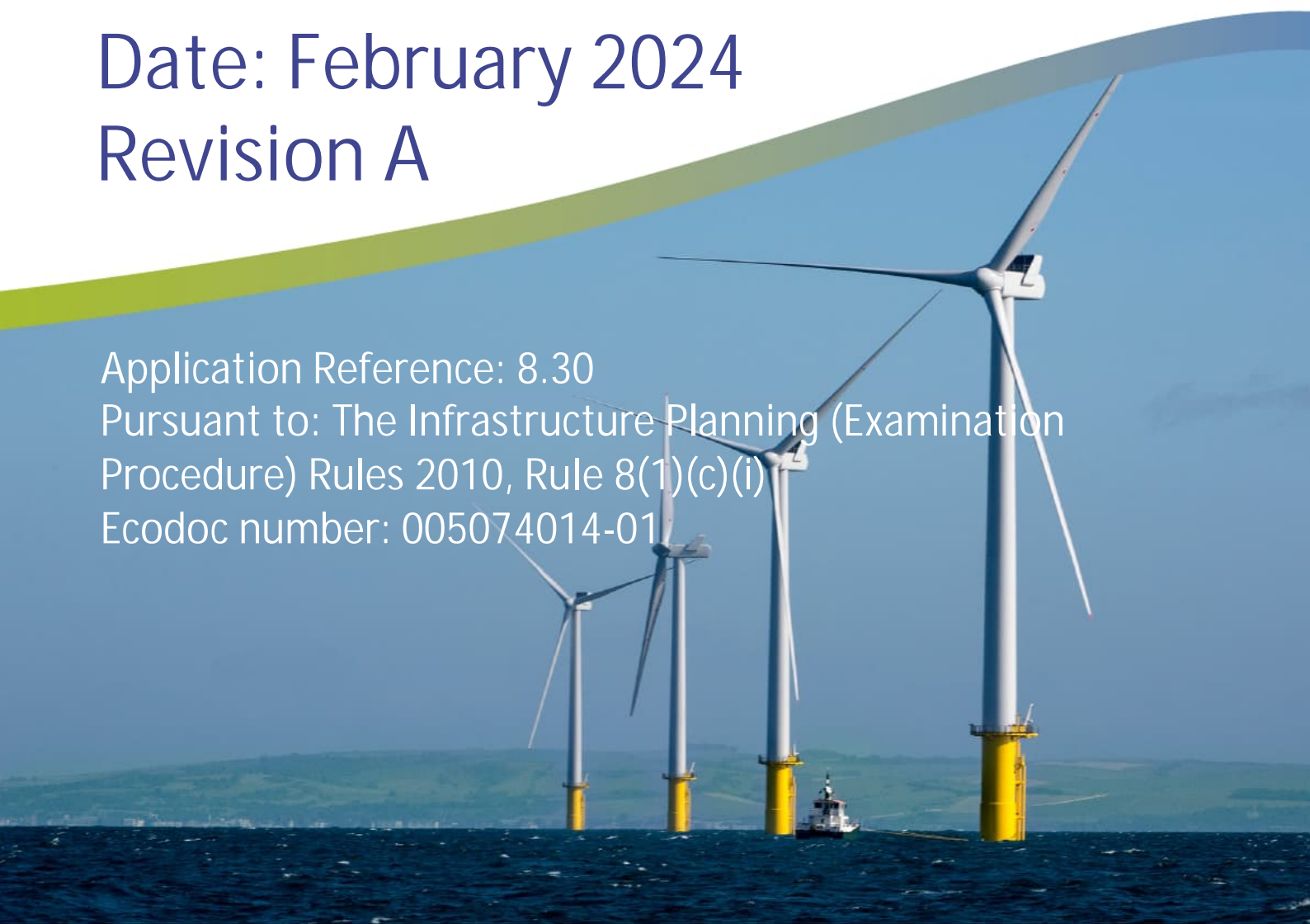


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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Overview

- 1.1.1 Rampion Extension Development Limited (hereafter referred to as 'RED') (the 'Applicant') is developing the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Project ('Rampion 2') located adjacent to the existing Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Project ('Rampion 1') in the English Channel.
- 1.1.2 Rampion 2 will be located between 13km and 26km from the Sussex Coast in the English Channel and the offshore array area will occupy an area of approximately 160km. A detailed description of the Proposed Development is set out in Chapter 4: The Proposed Development, Volume 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES), submitted with the DCO Application [APP-045].

1.2 Purpose of this document

- 1.2.1 This document is prepared by the Applicant to provide a response to the matters raised by Interested Parties who provided an oral submission at Open Floor Hearing 1 on 6 February 2024.
- 1.2.2 The Applicant is aware of, and has considered, all the oral submissions made at the Open Floor Hearing. Chapter 2 of this document provides a formal response to these oral submissions where it is considered by the Applicant that one is appropriate.

2. Applicant's Response to Matters Raised at Open Floor Hearing 1

2.1 Pre-Examination Consultations

2.1.1 At Open Floor Hearing 1 held on 6 February 2024, the issue of pre-application consultation and engagement was raised by the following Interested Parties:

- Janine Creaye (in relation to Oakendene Industrial Estate);
- Mr and Mrs Fischel;
- Brighton and Hove City Council; and
- Horsham District Council.

2.1.2 As an overarching comment, and as set out in the Consultation Report [**APP-027**] that was submitted with the DCO application, the Applicant has undertaken an iterative consultation process including statutory and non-statutory consultations. Seven stages of consultation were carried out between January 2021 and June 2023. These were:

- Non-statutory consultation between 14 January and 11 February 2021;
- Project wide consultation between 14 July and 16 September 2021, which was then extend from 7 February to 11 April 2022;
- Onshore consultation on potential changes to the onshore cable corridor between 18 October and 29 November 2022;
- Targeted consultation on the LACR 1D onshore cable route corridor between 24 February and 2 March 2023;
- Targeted consultation on the Rampion 2 extension to the National Grid Bolney substation between 28 April and 30 May 2023;
- Minor highways and new parties consultation from February to April 2023; and
- A project refresh consultation with land interests from April to June 2023.

2.1.3 Notwithstanding that the adequacy of The Applicant's pre-application consultation process has already been considered during the Acceptance stage of the DCO application, that Applicant's responses are set out below.

2.2 Applicant's Response to Janine Creaye

2.2.1 The Applicant has engaged, and will continue to engage, extensively with interested parties, including in relation to Oakendene Industrial Estate.

- 2.2.2 The Applicant undertook an extensive programme of consultation and engagement with local people, landowners and statutory bodies prior to the submission of the DCO Application. A Non-Statutory Consultation took place on 14 January to 11 February 2021 and the Project Wide Statutory Consultation was held on 14 July to 16 September 2021.
- 2.2.3 The Applicant presented substation options and extensively promoted the associated consultation activities across the area (including Cowfold).
- 2.2.4 The Project Wide Statutory Consultation was carried out in accordance with the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) published in June 2021, which was agreed with relevant local authorities and satisfied the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.
- 2.2.5 For the Statutory Project Wide Consultation, leaflets were sent on 12 July 2021 and delivered by Royal Mail to homes and businesses within 1.5km of the cable route, 3km around substation proposed sites and 100km inland along the coast from Selsey Bill to Beachy Head.
- 2.2.6 Posters were placed on community notice boards in villages on the cable route and copies provided to parish council clerks to put up on locked notice boards. Outdoor advertising was placed as part of a wide-reaching advertising campaign including billboards, kiosks, bus backs and sides on the coast and proposed cable route.
- 2.2.7 Section 48 Notices were placed in a publicly accessible position either at the side of a road or on a Public Right of Way in the vicinity of the proposals, with 20 being positioned approximately 2.5km apart along the cable route;
- 2.2.8 Section 48 Notices were also published in the Isle of Wight Press, Mid Sussex Times, Sussex Express, The Argus (daily), West Sussex County Times, West Sussex Gazette, Fishing News, Lloyds List, London Gazette and The Guardian.
- 2.2.9 Section 42 letters were issued to affected parties including all landowners on land covered by our proposals;
- 2.2.10 A social media awareness campaign ran on Facebook & Instagram, reaching over 512,000 people in Sussex and the Isle of Wight;
- 2.2.11 News coverage ran on ITV Meridian, BBC South TV, BBC Sussex Radio and More Radio with newspaper coverage in the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette, West Sussex County Times and The Argus reaching an estimated 1.5 million people across Sussex. Additional reminder stories were published in the press towards the end of the consultation;
- 2.2.12 A Radio advertising campaign reached an estimated 125,000 people across West Sussex, Mid Sussex and parts of East Sussex.
- 2.2.13 Emails were sent to MPs, local authorities, elected representatives, parish councils, Section 42 consultees, Rampion 2 Expert Topic Groups, Rampion 2 Project Liaison Groups, hard-to-reach groups and other stakeholders who had registered an interest to be kept informed.

- 2.2.14 An Outdoor roadshow was held in late August 2021 to supplement publicity with a pop-up information stand and project team handing out materials and answering questions in high footfall coastal and South Downs Way locations.
- 2.2.15 All the above included the dates of the consultation, although while the media stories highlighted the consultation launch, not all included the end date.
- 2.2.16 The response figures, as detailed in the **Consultation Report (app ref 5.1)**, indicate that there was a high public awareness of the consultation.
- 2.2.17 Paragraph 3.6.16. of the Consultation Report [**APP-027**] confirms that an Information Event was held on 21 June 2023 for the Cowfold community, close to the proposed Oakendene Onshore Substation site for the Project. The Applicant held this event to provide an opportunity for residents and local stakeholders to see how the design and mitigations had evolved in response to local feedback as well as to meet face-to-face, which had not been possible during the statutory Project-wide consultation in summer 2021 due to Covid restrictions. Materials were produced for the event and made available online.
- 2.2.18 Paragraph 3.6.18. states that leaflets to promote the event were sent by Royal Mail to all homes and businesses within 1km of the perimeter of the Oakendene Substation site work area boundary, while also extending to a few more homes in the extreme west of Cowfold village to ensure the whole village was included. Posters were also displayed in the local area and a social media piece was posted on the local Facebook page. An email was sent to Cowfold Parish Council to help promote the event with a request that they upload the poster onto their website and on any other channels. 140 people attended the event to speak to the Rampion 2 Project Team.
- 2.2.19 Paragraph 6.3. Section 42 consultation confirms that new parties both with freehold interest in land and with rights over land, for example tenants or people with rights of access were identified. It was also brought to RED's attention at the end of the consultation period that not all of the tenants at Oakendene Industrial Estate had been consulted. Addresses for Oakendene Industrial tenants were not available via Royal Mail and discussions were held with the freehold owner to identify the best method of providing the information.
- 2.2.20 Further to these discussions, consultation packs were sent to the Oakendene Industrial Estate office on Friday 28 October 2022, which were delivered on the morning of Tuesday 1 November 2022. As discussed, and agreed with the landowner, the Applicant visited the industrial estate on 1 November between 11:45 and 15:00 to attempt to hand deliver the packs to occupiers. If the occupier was not on site, these packs were placed in their designated post tray. If they did not have a designated post tray, the pack was left in the industrial estate office. While on site, there were 11 units identified which had not been included in the initial batch of consultation packs. The Applicant returned to the industrial estate on 7 November between 14:00 and 14:45 to issue these additional packs, which included a covering letter confirming they had an extended deadline of 6 December to respond. Nine unaddressed packs were also left in the estate office in case any occupiers had misplaced their packs.

2.3 Applicant's Response to Mr and Mrs Fischel

- 2.3.1 The Statement of Reasons: Appendix 2 - Schedule of Engagement, Rev A [APP-023] sets out the Applicant's pre-application engagement with Mr and Mrs Fischel, confirming that:

"The Applicant has met on-site and engaged with the landowner and their professional advisors, explaining the planning process through examination and the rationale for the modified cable route, construction and operational accesses. Heads of Terms Issued on 14.03.2023 - The Applicant has issued an offer of Head of Terms for a voluntary agreement to the landowners for the acquisition of the rights required by way of an option to enter into an easement. The Applicant is fully engaged in active negotiations and discussions with landowners and / or their representatives Acquisition of Rights by the Creation of New Rights or the Imposition of Restrictive Covenants 25/12, 25/13, 26/2, 26/3, 26/4, 26/5, 26/6, 26/11 Land to be Used Temporarily 26/8, 26/9, 26/10 298 Classification L2 - Business Data to progress voluntary agreement of proposed terms."

- 2.3.2 The Compulsory Acquisition Land Rights Tracker Revision B [PEPD-016] confirms that:

"The Applicant has been in regular correspondence with the Land Interest and their agent since February 2021. The Land Interest has pasture land affected by the proposed Rampion 2 cable route, and a proposed Rampion 2 construction access on the southern boundary of their title. A site meeting was initially held in February 2021, followed by subsequent representation letters where the Land Interest expressed concerns about the environmental sensitivities of the proposed cable route. The Land Interest's views were also reiterated within further site meetings in May and July 2021 and various consultation responses. Subsequently, the route was amended to take a route further to the east, away from the aforementioned environmental constraints. The new proposed route was initially presented at a meeting in January 2022 and again in April 2022. The rationale for the route amendment and decision making process was summarised in a letter dated 19th July 2022. An additional route amendment was presented by the Land Interest at a site meeting in April 2022 and in formal representations in September and November 2022, as a response to the Applicant's proposed re-route on their land. The rationale and decision-making process for not progressing with the additional route amendment to consultation was communicated in a letter dated 17th October 2023. Heads of Terms were issued in March 2023 and the agent has confirmed that the Land Interest would like to work collaboratively with the Applicant to agree terms. The Applicant has sought feedback on a number of occasions, the last of which was in December 2023. Key outstanding concerns include environmental considerations and issues regarding engagement."

- 2.3.3 The Applicant has engaged, and will continue to engage, with Mr and Mrs Fishel throughout the application, and will record this engagement in the Land Rights Tracker [PEPD-016].

2.4 Applicant’s Response to Brighton and Hove City Council and Horsham District Council.

- 2.4.1 The Consultation Report [APP-027] confirms the details of the pre-application engagement process, including with Brighton and Hove City Council and Horsham District Council.
- 2.4.2 Part 5.5 of the Consultation Report [APP-027] confirms that the Applicant consulted both Councils over the proposed Statement of Community Consultation. Table 3.3 of the Consultation Report sets out the stakeholder meetings that the Applicant held outside consultation periods, including meetings with both Councils.
- 2.4.3 Horsham District Council’s Adequacy of Consultation Representation states the Applicant procedurally met the statutory duties but missed some opportunities. *“Horsham District Council’s view is that whilst procedurally, the Applicant may have met the basic duties placed on them by Section 42, and 48, and very possibly 47 of the Act, there have been missed opportunities to consult in the full spirit of the intentions of Statement of Community Consultation and ensure people in the district affected by the proposals are fully aware in a manner to develop an informed view of the Project.”* **Horsham District Council’s Adequacy of Consultation Representation, August 2023, page 19, 8 Conclusions, 8.1.**
- 2.4.4 Brighton and Hove City Council’s Adequacy of Consultation Representation states they were content the Applicant complied with sections 42, 47 and 48 but raised concerns around section 49. *“BHCC is satisfied that RED has complied with the procedural requirements of Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 in that we have been consulted at every formal stage. We are also content that the applicant has complied with sections 47 and 48 of the Planning Act 2008 regarding the duty to consult the local community and to publicise the scheme. Beyond the required consultation regarding the Statement of Community Consultation, a meeting was held with BHCC in November 2020 to discuss the extent and nature of consultation. However, we are concerned that RED has not complied with Section 49 of the Planning Act 2008 which requires applicants to take account of responses to consultation and publicity.”* **Brighton and Hove City Council’s Adequacy of Consultation Representation, page 1, paragraph 4, 5 and 6.**
- 2.4.5 For ease of reference, the Applicant has set out in Table 1, below, references to where contact with Horsham District Council is discussed in the submission documents (For completeness, references to additional organisations contacted in Horsham have been included).

Table 1: Documents identifying engagement with Horsham District Council

Document	Location	Description
<u>Rampion 2 Consultation Report Application Reference 5.1.</u>	Page 19	Mandatory local authorities consulted with on the draft statement of community consultations (SoCCs)
	Page 54	Table 3.3: Stakeholder meetings outside consultation periods

[APP-027]	Page 55	Table 3.3: Meetings outside consultation periods, introducing search, engagement and consultation plans, scoping request and broad timeline
	Page 69	Table 5.2: Local authorities identified under section 43
	Page 71	5.5. Section 47 consultation
	Page 72	5.5.5. Meetings were held with ten of the identified organisations (including HDC) to discuss the draft SoCC
	Page 86	Table 5.7: Stakeholder meetings during the consultation period
	Page 97	6.5. Section 47 consultation – on the updated SoCC - 6.5.3.
	Page 117	Issuing Rampion 2 newsletter email for promotion of consultation
<u>Rampion 2 Consultation Report Appendices 1 - 5</u> [APP-028]	Page 9	2.1. Project liaison groups 2.1.1. List of organisations invited to join the PLG – environment
	Page 42	Local stakeholder meetings held prior to non-statutory consultation
	Page 267	Local planning authorities consulted on the SoCC
	Page 280	3.1.6. Stakeholders contacted by email
	Page 369	Inclusion in the SOCC – local authorities who are potentially affected by onshore proposals
	Page 383	Authorities consulted on the SoCC under section 43(1)
	Page 391	As part of the preparation and finalising of the SoCC, we requested feedback from the following local authorities who are potentially affected by onshore proposals
	Page 418	Notified under section 42 4.2.1. List of section 42 consultees 4.2.3. Regulation 41(1)(b) and 43(1)
	Pages 419–420	Listed under 4.2.4. Relevant parish councils
	Pages 461, 463, 466	4.4.9. Additional organisations contacted in Horsham
<u>Rampion 2 Consultation Report Appendices 6 - 10</u> [APP-029]	Page 7	Feedback requested from potentially affected authorities
	Page 26	Authorities consulted on the SoCC under section 43(1)
	Pages 34–35	6.1.8. Comments on the SoCC
	Page 36	6.1.9. Consideration of the SoCC

	Page 42	Feedback requested from authorities potentially affected by onshore proposals
	Page 80	6.2. Notified under section 42 6.2.1. List of section 42 consultees 6.2.3. Regulation 41(1)(b) and 43(1)
	Page 82	Listed under 6.2.4. Relevant parish councils
	Page 134, 136, 139	6.4.8. Additional organisations contacted in Horsham
	Page 146	Local authorities consulted under S47 of the Planning Act 2008
	Page 608	7.2 Notified under section 42 7.2.1. List of section 42 consultees 7.2.3. Regulation 42(1)(b) and 43(1)
<u>Rampion 2</u> 5.1.3 Consultation Report Appendix [APP-030]	Page 218	11. Responses from consultees in the environmental statement; table 17-7 statutory consultation feedback vol 2, Ch 17, socio-economics
	Page 220	Table 17-7 Second and third statutory consultation
	Page 224–229,	Table 18-6 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 18, landscape and visual impact – access requested, first statutory consultation, multiple themes and responses
	Page 231	Table 18-7 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 18, landscape and visual impact – access requested, second statutory consultation, theme and response
	Page 236–237	Table 18-7 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 18, landscape and visual impact – access requested, fourth statutory consultation, multiple themes and responses
	Page 264	Table 21-7 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 21, noise and vibration, first statutory consultation, theme and response
	Page 273	Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 21, noise and vibration, fourth statutory consultation, feedback and response
	Page 292	Table 23-5 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 23, transport, second statutory consultation, multiple themes and responses
	Page 297	Table 23-6 and 7 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 23, transport, third

		and fourth statutory consultations, multiple themes and responses
	Page 313	Table 25-6 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 25, historic environment, first statutory consultation, theme and response
	Page 331–332	Table 25-7 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 25, historic environment, second statutory consultation, theme and response
Promoting Rampion 2 Consultations in Cowfold 2021–22 (Included as Appendix A to this document)	Page 1	Relevant local planning authorities consulted
	Page 2	Emails regarding non-statutory consultation sent
	Page 3	Stakeholder meetings held
		Emails promoting consultation sent
	Page 4	List of meetings and events held
		Meeting held to announce onshore substation decision
Page 5	Posters sent to relevant parish council to promote consultation	
	Emails sent to elected representatives	

2.4.6 The Applicant has also set out in Table 2, below, references to where contact with Brighton and Hove City Council is discussed in the submission documents (for completeness, additional organisations contacted in Brighton and Hove have been included).

Table 2: Documents identifying engagement with Brighton and Hove City Council

Document	Location	Description
<u>Rampion 2 Consultation Report Application Reference 5.1. [APP-027]</u>	Page 54	Table 3.3: Stakeholder meetings held outside of consultation periods
	Page 56	Table 3.3: Skills and employment strategy discussion
	Page 69	Table 5.2: Local authorities identified under section 43
	Page 72	5.5.3. Draft SoCC sent 5.5.5. Meetings were held with ten of the identified organisations (including B&H) to discuss the draft SoCC
	Page 86	Table 5.7: Stakeholder meetings during the consultation period
	Page 97	6.5. Section 47 consultation – 6.5.4. Draft SoCC sent for comment
<u>Rampion 2 Consultation Report Appendices 1 - 5</u>	Page 9–11	2.1. Project liaison groups 2.1.1. List of organisations invited to join the PLG – environment
	Page 280	3.1.6. Stakeholders contacted by email

[APP-028]	Page 287	Media coverage in relevant area
	Page 369	List of bodies consulted potentially affected by offshore proposals
	Page 383	Authorities consulted on the SoCC under section 43(1)
	Page 391	As part of the preparation and finalising of the SoCC, we requested feedback from the following local authorities who are potentially affected by onshore proposals
	Page 417	Notified under section 42 4.2.1. List of section 42 consultees 4.2.3. Regulation 41(1)(b) and 43(1)
	Page 461–463, 467–469	4.4.9. Additional organisations contacted in Brighton & Hove
<u>Rampion 2 Consultation Report – Annex 2 Application Reference 5.1.2. Rampion 2 Consultation Report Appendices 6 - 10</u> [APP-029]	Page 7	Additional bodies from which feedback was requested
	Page 26	Additional consultee bodies
	Page 42	Additional bodies from which feedback was requested
	Page 79	6.2. Notified under section 42 6.2.1. List of section 42 consultees 6.2.3. Regulation 41(1)(b) and 43(1)
	Page 134–136, 140–142	6.4.8. Additional organisations contacted in Brighton & Hove
	Page 146	Neighbouring authorities to those consulted under S47 of the Planning Act 2008
<u>Rampion 2 5.1.3 Consultation Report - Appendix 11</u> [APP-030]	Page 80–87	11. Responses from consultees in the environmental statement; table 15-7 formal consultation feedback vol 2, ch 15, seascape, landscape and visual impact assessment, multiple themes and responses
	Page 211–213	Table 17-7 statutory consultation feedback vol 2, ch 17, socio-economics, multiple themes and responses
	Page 304–305	Table 25-6 Formal consultation feedback, vol 2, ch 25, historic environment, first statutory consultation, theme and response

2.4.7 As recorded in the Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground [PEPD-039], the Applicant is currently engaging with both Councils

over relevant issues, and progress of these discussions is being recorded in the Statement of Commonality that will be submitted to the Examination in draft form at Deadline 3.

Appendix A

Promotion of Rampion 2 Consultations in and around Cowfold 2021- 2022

Promoting Rampion 2 Consultations in Cowfold 2021 -22

18th January 2023

Since early 2021, Rampion 2 has developed and delivered three consultations on its project proposals, a Non-Statutory Consultation and two Statutory Consultations in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

Section 47 of the Act requires that Rampion 2 carry out Statutory consultations in accordance with the provisions set out in a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The SoCC sets out how, when, about what and with whom we intend to consult and what promotional measures will be used to raise awareness of the consultation. Two versions of the SoCC were consulted (one for each Statutory Consultation) with the relevant Local Planning authorities, in this case with Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council, to ensure it meets those local authorities' requirements.

The original and updated SoCC were each published during the respective Statutory Consultations and are public documents available on our website.

Section 48 of the Act requires that a proposed application must be publicised as prescribed, with regulations setting out the details of the applicant and application that must be given. In addition, section 42 of the 2008 Act requires Rampion 2 to consult specified categories of people about the proposed application. These include prescribed bodies (which are set out in regulations), local authorities (with a formula for identifying the relevant authorities) and each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in section 44.

This briefing note summarises how we have adequately promoted our consultations in accordance with the proposals we set out in the SoCC, which details our overall approach to publicising consultation, developed with the support of directly affected Local Planning Authorities. It breaks down our activity into three areas, Non-Statutory Consultation, our first project wide Statutory Consultation and our most recent Onshore Statutory Consultation.

As an integral part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application, we are also required to submit a comprehensive Consultation Report, describing in detail all of the consultation activity undertaken and how these were promoted in line with the agreed requirements in the SoCC. The Consultation Report will also document the consultation feedback we received and our response to that feedback, including any changes made to our proposals as a result. As part of the application process all relevant Local Planning Authorities will be consulted by the Planning Inspectorate to confirm the consultations were carried out in line with the SoCCs.

Given recent correspondence relating to concerns in respect of how the consultations were publicised, particular emphasis has been given to s47 of the Act and the promotional activity we delivered in line with the agreed SoCCs.

Rampion 2 have held three consultations to date:-

1. **Non-statutory consultation:** 14th Jan – 11th Feb 2021. A voluntary, non-statutory consultation held over four weeks to raise awareness of the project and seek feedback on three onshore substation site search areas, including one at Oakendene (then known as Bolney Road / Kent Street);
2. **First statutory public consultation:** 14th July – 16th Sept 2021. A project-wide consultation held over 9 weeks to formally consult statutory bodies and the wider community, which also sought feedback on two remaining onshore substation search areas including Oakendene (then known as Bolney Road / Kent Street); and
3. **Second statutory public consultation:** 18th Oct – 29th Nov 2022. A targeted onshore consultation held over 6 weeks, to formally consult statutory bodies and the wider community on potential changes to our onshore cable route, only.

Rampion 2 use a range of methods to reach those who live, work and visit the area in the vicinity of our draft proposals. This document highlights the key methods that were used to promote each of the consultations.

1. Non-statutory consultation, 14th Jan – 11th Feb 2021

The methods which we used to promote this consultation in the Cowfold area include the following:-

- **Leaflets** were hand delivered to a local area, which included all homes and businesses within a 300m radius from the boundary of the three substation search areas. This included the businesses at Oakendene Industrial Estate;
- **Posters** were provided to Cowfold Parish Council to put up on their locked notice boards and artwork was emailed;
- **News coverage** promoted the consultation with major pieces on ITV Meridian, BBC South TV, BBC Sussex Radio and More Radio, with newspaper coverage in the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette, West Sussex County Times and The Argus;
- **A Social Media awareness campaign** (Facebook and Instagram) was launched, which included Cowfold and Lower Beeding as target geographical locations; and
- **Emails** announcing the consultation were sent to key stakeholders including MPs, local authorities and parish councils, including Cowfold Parish Council, Horsham District and West Sussex County Councils. The email included a poster image to promote the consultation and encouraged the sharing of the email and/or image within the organisation and through their networks such as community newsletters, emails, websites, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter pages.

The following meetings and events were held during the consultation period:-

- **6 x Project Liaison Group meetings** were held, which included the Onshore Community PLG with Cowfold Parish Council representation at the October 2020 meeting, although they gave their

apologies for the February 2021 meeting. All invitations, presentation and minutes were emailed to Cowfold PC;

- **Stakeholder meetings** were held with MPs and local authorities in advance of the consultation in November and December 2020, including meetings with Andrew Griffith MP, Mims Davies MP, Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council.

2. First statutory public consultation, 14th July – 16th Sept 2021

The methods which we used to promote this consultation in the Cowfold area included the following:-

- **Leaflets** were posted to promote the consultation, which is standard practice. We sent a leaflet via Royal Mail to all homes and businesses within a 3km radius of the boundaries of the two substation search areas, which picked up all properties in Cowfold with a postcode, amounting to over 800 addresses. The leaflet was posted on 12th July and would have arrived on doormats three days later;
- **Posters** were provided to Cowfold Parish Council to put on their locked notice boards and artwork provided by email;
- **Section 48 Notices** were erected on footpath signposts at both Kent Street and Wineham Lane;
- **Letters** were issued to affected parties including all landowners on land covered by our proposals plus an appropriate buffer around the two substation sites. In some instances, members of the local community would have received both the above leaflet and s42 letter;
- **News coverage** on ITV Meridian, BBC South TV, BBC Sussex Radio and More Radio with newspaper coverage in the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette, West Sussex County Times and The Argus. Additional reminder stories were published in the press which followed towards the end of the consultation;
- **Statutory Public Notices** were placed on full pages in the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette, West Sussex County Times and The Argus;
- **Online newspaper adverts** were published;
- **Adverts on the back and side of buses** covering country routes to Mid Sussex from West Sussex depots;
- **Social media awareness campaign** (Facebook and Instagram) including Cowfold and Lower Beeding as target geographical locations;
- **Section 48 Notices** were erected on footpath signposts at both Kent Street and Wineham Lane; and
- **Emails** promoting the consultation and the associated materials and events were sent to:-
 - Section 42 statutory consultees including landowners;
 - Local authorities that our proposals pass through and neighbouring authorities;
 - Locally elected representatives, including those from Horsham and Mid Sussex Councils;
 - Parish councils that our proposals pass through and neighbouring parishes. This included emails to the Chair and Clerk of Cowfold Parish Council on 14th July and 6th September;

- MPs, including Andrew Griffith MP (Arundel & South Downs) and Mims Davies MP (Mid Sussex);
- 'Hard to reach' groups, which in Cowfold included churches, the village hall and Allmond Community Centre;
- Other stakeholders who have registered an interest to be kept informed via our website
- Rampion 2 Expert Technical Groups; and
- Rampion 2 Project Liaison Groups (including the Onshore Community PLG with Cowfold Parish Council represented).

The following meetings and events were held during the consultation period:-

- **6 x Rampion 2 Project Liaison Group meetings** were held, which includes the Onshore Community PLG. Cowfold PC did not attend or send apologies but were emailed all invitations, presentation and minutes. The Clerk confirmed the Chair had received the invitation;
- **2 x Virtual Public Forums** on 27th July and 6th September;
- **2 x Virtual Parish Council Forums** on 28th July and 23rd August; and
- **Local Authority and Parish Council online meetings** including with West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council.

Onshore substation decision announcement, 14th July 2022

Following our consideration of all responses to the statutory consultation and decision to locate the onshore substation at the Oakendene site, we announced the location with a press release, issued to local newspapers on 14th July 2022. A day in advance of this on 13th July, the Rampion 2 Team sent an email to announce this decision (accompanied with a press release) to local MPs including Andrew Griffith and Mims Davies, local authorities including Horsham, Mid Sussex & West Sussex and parish councils including Cowfold, Shermanbury, Bolney and Twineham.

The substation announcement was subsequently included in the Mid Sussex Times and West Sussex County Times, in addition to being in their online version, Sussexworld. BBC Radio Sussex and More Radio included the announcement in their news coverage.

Mims Davies MP also included the substation decision on her website and in her column in the Mid Sussex Times in August 2022.

3. Second statutory public consultation, 18th Oct – 29th Nov 2022

Note that this consultation was specifically focussed on potential changes to parts of the onshore cable route only, with the onshore substation decision having already been announced. This was specifically targeted at those who live, work or visit the area local to the cable route and potential changes.

The methods which we used to promote this consultation in the Cowfold area included the following:-

- **Leaflets** presented the relevant information on how the public could take part in the consultation in a clear and concise manner. They were posted to promote the consultation, which is standard practice. We sent a leaflet via Royal Mail to all homes and businesses within 1km of the proposals, which picked up the majority of properties in Cowfold with a postcode. The leaflet was posted on 14th October and would have arrived on doormats three days later;
- **Posters** were sent by Royal Mail addressed to the Cowfold Parish Council Clerk (address published on Horsham DC website) and also artwork requesting them to put on their locked notice boards;
- **Section 48 Notices** were erected on footpath signposts at both Kent Street and Wineham Lane;
- **Section 42 letters** were issued to affected parties including all landowners on land covered by our proposals. In some instances, members of the local community would have received both the above leaflet and s42 letter;
- **News coverage** on ITV Meridian, BBC South TV, BBC Sussex Radio and More Radio with newspaper coverage in the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette, West Sussex County Times and The Argus. Additional reminder stories were published in the press towards the end of the consultation;
- **Statutory Public Notices** placed in the Mid Sussex Times, West Sussex Gazette and West Sussex County Times;
- **Social media awareness campaign** (Facebook and Instagram), including Cowfold and Lower Beeding as target geographical locations; and
- **Section 48 Notices** were erected on footpath signposts at both Kent Street and Wineham Lane.
- **Emails** were sent to:-
 - Section 42 statutory consultees including landowners;
 - Local authorities that our proposals pass through, plus neighbouring authorities;
 - Locally elected representatives, including those from Horsham and Mid Sussex Councils;
 - Parish councils that our proposals pass through and neighbouring parishes. This included emails to the Chair and Clerk of Cowfold Parish Council on 17th October and 17th November
 - MPs, including Andrew Griffith MP (Arundel & South Downs) and Mims Davies MP (Mid Sussex);
 - ‘Hard to reach’ groups, which in Cowfold included churches, the village hall and Allmond Community Centre;
 - Other stakeholders who have registered an interest to be kept informed via our website
 - Rampion 2 Expert Technical Groups; and
 - Rampion 2 Project Liaison Groups (including the Onshore Community PLG with Cowfold Parish Council represented).

The following meetings and events were held during the consultation period:-

- **Consultation Events (x4)** were held along the cable route on 1st, 2nd, 11th and 12th November, with almost 600 people attending the events, including Cowfold Parish Council representation.
- **A Cowfold Public Meeting** hosted by the parish was held on 23rd November. It was promoted on the Parish Council website and via posters in the local area, which attracted around 50 attendees. Rampion Project Team members presented to the meeting and answered a wide range of questions.
- **5 x Rampion 2 Project Liaison Group meetings** were held, which includes the Onshore Community PLG with Cowfold Parish Council representation and all invitations, presentation and minutes shared with Cowfold PC.
- **Parish Councils Virtual online forum on 3rd November** which included Cowfold Parish Council representation.