From: Bill Brock
To: Rampion2

Subject: FW: Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm - Application accepted for Examination by Planning Inspectorate

**Date:** 07 February 2024 08:18:30

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To whom it may concern,

## Rampion 2 Offshore wind farm project

As a significant operator in the commercial fishing sector in Sussex, we have only very recently become aware that there is a ISH1 meeting to discuss the Rampion 2 proposal to develop another wind farm in the Sussex Bay sea area, tomorrow.

We would like to make it clear to the planning inspectorate that there has been little to no meaningful engagement or discussion between the local fishing industry and Rampion on the subject of how this project will further effect the local fisheries and fishermen, and that the wording in the Environmental Statement (ES), that alludes to there having been such is not entirely accurate.

Please see emails below that show an on-going lack of communication and discussion on the part of Rampion and our request that the inclusion of our company names are removed from the ES as we do not feel that this represents reality and may give a false impression to the inspectorate.

Kind regards,

Bill Brock
Brighton & Newhaven Fish Sales Ltd
Leach Fishing

From: Bill Brock		
Sent: 07 February 20	24 07:33	
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Subject: RE: Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm - Application accepted for Examination by Planning

Inspectorate

Dear all,

Nearly 5 months have passed since I sent the email below to Rampion Wind farm and their appointed agents.

The email highlighted the lack of meaningful engagement by Rampion with the local Sussex based fishing industry and the contempt and disrespect they continue to show us despite the fact that this potential development will be displacing yet further the local fishermen who have worked this area for generations.

By way of proof that this Corporation (Rampion), is ignoring our industry and pushing ahead regardless at the detriment of our industry and fish/shellfish stocks, my email remains to this day unanswered.

No reply, no meeting organised, no request for fishing information. Nothing!

Yet despite this, it is noted that Rampion have cited ourselves as having been "engaged" for their Impact assessment. Something that is a stretch of the truth and something that I will not allow to influence the current planning process.

To Rampion. I require you with immediate effect to take out of your impact assessment any mention of Brighton & Newhaven Fish Sales or Leach Fishing and to confirm in writing that this has been done. I further require that the planning authorities are informed that the impact assessment will require updating in order to remove our company names that have been used in an attempt to justify or otherwise imply that local fisheries engagement has occurred when the reality is that this has been close to non-existent since the outset of the Rampion 2 project.

Finally it is noted that throughout the impact assessment, Rampion are stating that the construction, operation and subsequent decommissioning of a 196km<sup>2</sup> structural project will have "No Significant Effects have been identified in relation to potential impact of Rampion 2 on commercial fisheries". As Rampion 1 has had significant impact on local fisheries, this statement can only be viewed as self-motivated rather than factually accurate.

I look forward to receiving a response to this email.

Regards

Bill Brock

Richard' @marinemanagement.org.uk>

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Good morning Meg,

It is with interest that I read your email below!

The statement "We have carried out a huge programme of engagement and consultation over the past three years", is not exactly true with regard to the local fishing industry. A couple of meetings in three years, that have resulted in very little is actually the sum total of the "huge programme of engagement and consultation over the past three years" with our sector. Not exactly impressive or indeed respectful.

As with Rampion 1, you intend to disrupt and displace the local fishing sector with your planned offshore construction and infrastructure, yet to date you have not had any meaningful discussion, negotiation nor agreement in place with local fishermen. The contempt this shows our sector is disappointing yet to be expected as this was true of the previous Rampion process.

Perhaps you would be kind enough to pass on the rising anger towards RWE due to their continuingly ignoring of the fact that they are wishing to conduct business in an area already populated with persons doing the same!

Regards

Bill Brock

From: Meg Kalafat @brownmay.com]

**Sent:** 14 September 2023 14:37

To: Meg Kalafat <u>@brownmay.com</u>>
Cc: Ross Clifford <u>@brownmay.com</u>>

Subject: Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm - Application accepted for Examination by Planning

Inspectorate

Hello,

Please see the below message issued on behalf of Rampion 2.

I am writing to inform you that on 7<sup>th</sup> September, the Rampion 2 Development Consent Order (DCO) application for an offshore wind farm off the coast of Sussex, was accepted for examination by the Government's Planning Inspectorate.

We have carried out a huge programme of engagement and consultation over the past three years and have subsequently made changes to the project proposals in response to feedback from statutory consultees and the Sussex community and we thank the local communities in Sussex for taking the time to provide feedback on the project proposals to date.

The application being examined includes detailed proposals for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm, the final Environmental Statement which sets out potential impacts and mitigations, and a Consultation Report which details the engagement and consultations carried out over the past three years and how the Project Team has taken account of the feedback received.

Situated to the west of the existing Rampion Offshore Wind Farm, Rampion 2, if consented, would include up to 90 turbines a minimum of eight miles offshore. An offshore export cable route would bring the power ashore under Climping Beach on the coast, and the underground cable route would continue inland to a new substation called Oakendene near Cowfold, then finally connect the power to the national electricity network at Bolney in Mid Sussex.

The Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm could generate enough electricity to power the equivalent of over one million homes and reduce carbon emissions by around 1.8 million tonnes. This means Rampion and Rampion 2 combined could power the equivalent of all of the homes in Sussex, twice over.

Now that the DCO application is accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate, in accordance with Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008, the Rampion 2 Project Team will publicise Notices of the accepted application in local and national newspapers, setting out how the community can register their opinions with the Planning Inspectorate. The public will be able to view the final proposals and register as an 'interested party' with the Planning Inspectorate at the Project Page of the Planning Inspectorate website at Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm | National Infrastructure Planning (planninginspectorate.gov.uk). Anyone wishing to be kept informed or to participate in the examination can register at the same website.

The Examination process is expected to take six months, and a final decision on whether consent will be granted will be made by the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero by early 2025.

Kind reagrds,

## Meg Kalafat



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