

Rampion 2 Wind Farm Category 8: Examination Documents Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality for the Statements of Common Ground ('Statement of Commonality') has been prepared on behalf of Rampion Extension Development Ltd (RED) (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant').
- 1.1.2 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.
- 1.1.3 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 160km². 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 Development Consent Order (DCO) Application.
- 1.1.4 Further detail regarding the onshore and offshore aspects of the Proposed Development are provided within **Chapters 6 to 29, Volume 2**, of the **ES**.

1.2 Purpose of this Document

- 1.2.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared at the request of the Examining Authority in the Rule 6 Letter dated 14 December 2023 [**PD-006**]. As requested, it uses a traffic light system to summarise the status of the various matters that are covered in the Statement of Common Grounds (SoCGs) as follows (this colour-coding is not the same as in the SoCGs):

	All matters agreed
	Some matters agreed / some matters under discussion
	All matters under discussion
	Some matters under discussion / some matters not agreed
	All matters not agreed
	Some matters agreed, some matters not agreed
	Some matters agreed, some matters not agreed, some matters under discussion

- 1.2.2 Within **Table 1-2**, a 'X' denotes a change in status of an issue from Procedural Deadline A raised by a stakeholder. Please refer to the Statement of Commonality [**APP-8.21**] submitted at Procedural Deadline A, to cross-refer all changes.
- 1.2.3 This Statement of Commonality is intended to act as a summary of the progress of the various SoCGs. However, the SoCGs remain the primary record of the status

of discussion the various issues that they address. It should be noted that where a broad topic applies to more than one SoCG party the detailed matters discussed within that topic may not be directly comparable or related.

- 1.2.4 The issues outlined in this document have primarily been taken from the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements issued by the stakeholders, along with additional issues raised in the Relevant Representations submissions.

1.3 List of Meetings Since Procedural Deadline A

- 1.3.1 Below is a list of all the meetings that have taken place with stakeholders since the issue of the previous version of the Statement of Commonality at the Pre-Examination Procedural Deadline (16 January 2024):

- Aquind:
 - ▶ 15/02/2024 - Page Turn meeting to discuss Rev B of the Statement of Common Ground.
- Arun District Council:
 - ▶ 13/02/2024 - Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Review between the Applicant and ADC; and
 - ▶ 15/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting on Noise and Vibration.
- Environment Agency:
 - ▶ 15/02/2024 - Page Turn meeting to discuss Rev C of the Statement of Common Ground;
 - ▶ 19/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting Biodiversity Net Gain
- Historic England:
 - ▶ 15/02/2024 - Page Turn meeting to discuss Rev C of the Statement of Common Ground; and
 - ▶ 08/03/2024 – Expert to Expert discussion of the Written Scheme of Investigation.
- Horsham District Council:
 - ▶ 23/01/2024 - Rampion 2 Expert to Expert Meeting - LVIA (Areas North of SDNP);
 - ▶ 13/02/2024 - Rampion 2 SoCG Page Turn Review with HDC- Draft Revision C;
 - ▶ 20/02/2024 – Expert to Expert Meeting on Noise and Vibration; and
 - ▶ 26/02/2024 - Oakendene substation – Flood Risk Assessment and evidence base.
 - ▶ 19/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting Biodiversity Net Gain
- Marine aggregates:

- ▶ 01/03/2024 - Page Turn meeting to discuss Rev B of the Statement of Common Ground
- Marine Management Organisation:
 - ▶ 23/02/2023 - Rampion 2 Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Meeting with MMO- Draft A; and
 - ▶ W/C 26/02/2024 - Expert to Expert Underwater Noise Meeting.
- Mid Sussex District Council:
 - ▶ 21/02/2024 - Rampion 2 SoCG Page Turn Review with MSDC- Draft C.
- Natural England:
 - ▶ 15/02/2024 - Rampion 2 Expert to Expert Meeting- LVIA regarding areas within the National Park;
 - ▶ 15/02/2024 - Issues and Risks Register and SoCG coordination call National Air Traffic Services:
 - ▶ 28/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting SLVIA/LVIA.
- Shipping and navigation interested parties (Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Trinity House, and UK Chamber of Shipping):
 - ▶ 21/02/2024 – Joint Page Turn meeting to discuss Rev A of all three Statements of Common Ground
- Shoreham Airport:
 - ▶ 12/02/2024 – Page Turn meeting to discuss Rev A of the Statement of Common Ground
- South Downs National Park Authority:
 - ▶ 25/01/2024 – Rampion 2 bilateral Expert to Expert Meeting- LVIA;
 - ▶ 01/02/2024 – Rampion 2 bilateral Expert to Expert Meeting- LVIA
 - ▶ 15/02/2024 - Rampion 2 Expert to Expert Meeting- LVIA regarding areas within the National Park; and
 - ▶ 11/03/2024 - Rampion 2 SoCG Page Turn Review with SDNPA.
 - ▶ 19/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting Biodiversity Net Gain.
 - ▶ 28/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting SLVIA/LVIA.
- Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority:
 - ▶ 19/02/2024 - Rampion 2 SoCG Page Turn Review with Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority - Draft Revision A.
- West Sussex County Council:
 - ▶ 23/01/2024 - Rampion 2 Expert to Expert Meeting - LVIA (Areas North of SDNP);
 - ▶ 25/01/2024 – Rampion 2 bilateral Expert to Expert Meeting- LVIA;

- ▶ 15/02/2024 - Page Turn meeting to discuss the Statement of Common Ground
- ▶ 26/02/2024 - Oakendene substation – Flood Risk Assessment and evidence base;
- ▶ 14/03/2024 - Page Turn meeting to discuss the Statement of Common Ground,
- ▶ 19/03/2024 - Expert to Expert Meeting Biodiversity Net Gain.

1.4 List of Statements of Common Ground

1.4.1 **Table 1-1**, below, lists the other parties that the Applicant is progressing a SoCG with. This list is the same as the one provided by the Examining Authority in the Rule 9 Letter **[PD-005]** other than that the Applicant is now progressing SoCG with Aquind Ltd and NATS.

Table 1-1 List of Statements of Common Ground

Document Reference	Other Party to the Statement of Common Ground	Status
8.1	Arun District Council	First Page Turn conducted 13/02/2024 and comments provided
8.2	Horsham District Council	First Page Turn conducted 13/02/2024 and comments provided
8.3	Mid Sussex District Council	First Page Turn conducted 21/02/2024 and comments provided
8.4	South Downs National Park Authority	First Page Turn conducted 11/03/2024 and comments provided
8.5	West Sussex County Council	First Page Turn conducted 14/03/2024 and comments provided
8.6	Environment Agency	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/2024 and comments provided
8.7	Historic England	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/2024 and comments provided
8.8	Natural England	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/2024 and comments provided
8.9	National Highways	Draft issued
8.10	Civil Aviation Authority	Draft issued

Document Reference	Other Party to the Statement of Common Ground	Status
8.11	Shoreham Airport	First Page Turn conducted 12/02/2024 and comments provided
8.12	Marine Management Organisation	First Page Turn conducted 01/03/2024 and comments provided
8.13	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	First Page Turn conducted 21/02/2024 and comments provided
8.14	Trinity House	First Page Turn conducted 21/02/2024 and comments provided
8.15	UK Chamber of Shipping	First Page Turn conducted 21/02/2024 and comments provided
8.16	Marine Aggregates	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/2024 and comments provided
8.17	Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	First Page Turn conducted 19/02/2024 and comments provided
8.19	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Draft issued
8.20	AQUIND Ltd	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/24 and comments provided
8.26	NATS	First Page Turn conducted 23/02/24 and comments provided

1.4.2 **Table 1-2** provides a summary of principal issues covered in the SoCGs and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters.

Ref	Party	Alternatives	Coastal Processes	Other Marine Users	Fish/Shellfish Ecology	Benthic/Subtidal/Intertidal Ecology	Marine Mammals	Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology	Shipping and Navigation	Civil and Military Aviation	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact	Marine Archaeology	Socio Economics	Landscape and Visual Impact	Air Quality	Noise and Vibration	Terrestrial Ecology/Nature Conservation	Transport	Ground Conditions	Historic Environment	Water Environment	Habitats Regulations Assessment	Public health	Principle of Development	DCO and Securing Mechanisms
8.7	Historic England																								
8.8	Natural England ¹																								
8.9	National Highways																								
8.10	Civil Aviation Authority																								
8.11	Shoreham Airport																								
8.12	The Marine Management Organisation																								

¹ Natural England has confirmed in its Response to the Rule 6 Letter that it will submit its own Risk and Issues log to sit beside the Applicants SoCG and Statement of Commonality of SoCGs. The updated Risk and Issues log will be provided at all Deadlines (1-7) by Natural England. The Applicant has updated the initial SOCG status, and seeks mutual agreement with Natural England on what is to be reported in the Statement of Commonality for future deadlines.

