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I am writing regarding RWE's proposed Rampion 2 offshore wind farm and 40km cable track across the South Downs and through our local countryside communities to the substation at Oakendene Farm, near Cowfold.

While I am a supporter of renewable energy, including wind farms, I am very concerned about the onshore environmental impact of the scheme and on that of local communities, particularly during the building of the infrastructure.

I am also very concerned about the lack of engagement by RWE since we became aware of the Rampion 2 proposal. As a household that is within 30 metres of the proposed route we were not consulted by RWE or Carter Jonas and it was only after many attempts that they acknowledged our interest. The quality of the information provided in their information pack is very high level and lacking in detail. I have submitted questions on 3 separate occasions between July and December 2023 and have not received a response or even an acknowledgement. The level of consultation by RWE has been very poor and some of the timescales presented to residents have been very tight.

I note that my concerns are very similar to those raised by Andrew Griffith, Member of Parliament, in his letter of September 2023.

I would also question whether Rampion 2 and the proposed overland cable motorway is the best approach. Have other routes and approaches been considered? For example, have underseas cable routes been considered which would have much less impact on local communities?

During the construct phase I am extremely concerned about the impact on the local roads caused by HGVs. The local roads in and around Partridge Green, Cowfold and including Kent Street are very busy and already in poor condition and the addition of large numbers of HGVs will have a significant impact on the traffic levels, air quality and the road infrastructure condition. I am led to understand that there may be 1320 HGV and 828 LGV movements per week, which would be unsustainable in our community and lead to significant problems for the locals as well as damaging the local wildlife habitat and countryside.

The questions that I have raised previously are: I would like to understand:

- in detail what works are proposed in the field opposite us.
- how close to our property will the works be?
- whether the cables will be underground and if so to what depth?
- are there any safety or health concerns associated with the installation?
- are there any future restrictions for the land where the cable is to be installed?

- are house or other developments permitted on or adjacent to the land where the installation is located?
- what is the period of disruption during the installation?
- what will be visible or audible post installation?
- what are the operating days and hours for the contractors during the installation?
- how will we be kept informed during the planning and installation phases.

As stated, I have not received answers to my questions. We would be very concerned about the hours of operation and would expect that the hours of construction, construction traffic and any drilling would be strictly controlled and monitored. We would expect that these operations would be limited to say 08.30 to 17.30 Monday through Saturday with no activity overnight or during Sunday and Bank Holidays. These restrictions must also extend to the use of equipment such as generators and lighting as our neighbourhood is deemed to be a dark site.

The consultation process to date, organised by the applicant (Rampion) has failed to discuss issues regarding access to the existing infrastructure. The issues raised above highlight the fact that considerable and extensive planning is still required to ensure that the proposed development process mitigates disruption as far as possible and will prove practical.

We recommend that the Planning Inspectorate instates a programme of detailed, unbiased evaluation of alternatives before any final decision is reached. Without an appropriate plan and support from local communities this project will not work.

Yours sincerely  
Stewart Dench



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