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25th April 2024

Dear Mr Allen,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended)

**Application by Rampion Extension Development Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm
PINs Ref: EN010117**

Comments on the Applicant's first update to the draft DCO

Historic England registration identification number: 20045343

We have reviewed the Applicant's Deadline 2 Submission – 3.1 Category 3: Development Consent Order – Draft Development Consent Order (Tracked) [Ref: REP2-003]; and Deadline 2 Submission – 3.2 Category 3: Development Consent Order – Explanatory Memorandum (Clean) [Ref: REP2-004] and we acknowledge the amendments made by the Applicant in reference to our Written Representation [Ref: REP1-055], we also offer the following comments for your consideration:

- 1) Schedule 1, Part 3 Requirements (Onshore Archaeology), in Requirement 19 we noticed that the Applicant has removed “in consultation with West Sussex County Council” we suggest that in view of possible onshore archaeological implications, that it would be appropriate to have engagement with local archaeological advice.

- 2) Generation Assets – Schedule 11 (Deemed marine licence – Part 1), the Historic England office location has been amended as per our request.
- 3) Generation Assets – Schedule 11, condition 11(2)(c) states “archaeological analysis of survey data, and timetable for reporting, which is to be submitted to the MMO within six months of any survey being completed”. In our Written Representation (Paragraph 12.4, as referenced above) we requested within four months. In the *Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm Order 2024* (as granted by Secretary of State, dated 17/04/2024), the equivalent condition in Schedule 10, Marine Licence 1, Generation, 13(e)(iii) states “archaeological analysis of survey data, and timetable for reporting, which is to be submitted to the MMO within four months of any survey being completed:” we therefore suggest amendment to be consistent across comparable offshore wind project DCOs (and Deemed Marine Licences).
- 4) Within the *Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon Extensions Offshore Wind Farm Order 2024* (as referenced above), we are aware of the inclusion within Schedule 10 of Condition 13(e)(viii) as follows: “a timetable for all further site investigations, which must allow sufficient opportunity to establish a full understanding of the historic environment within the Order limits and the approval of any necessary mitigation required as a result of the further site investigations prior to commencement of licensed activities.” We therefore suggest that the same requirement is included within these (draft) Deemed Marine Licences (Generation Assets and Transmission Assets) to support a consistence approach for offshore wind development projects.
- 5) Transmission Assets – Schedule 12 (Deemed marine licence – Part 1), the Historic England office location has been amended as per our request.
- 6) Transmission Assets DML Schedule 12 we noticed that the Applicant has removed “in consultation with West Sussex County Council” and we suggest that in consideration of potential impacts from Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) cables on submerged prehistoric landscapes in the intertidal zone that it would be appropriate to have engagement with local archaeological advice (West Sussex County Council).

Yours sincerely,



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cc. Beth Harries (Solicitor, Historic England)
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