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Subject: Proposed Rampion 2 substation site and follow on battery storage farms.

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I have already contributed and totally endorse the views submitted already by CowfoldvRampion which I feel are so far being very down played by Rampion2.

Not only am I opposed to the proposed sub station site at Oakendene because of the impact on our beautiful and valuable landscape, but I am terrified of the impact it would have on our country lane system.

To impact to this degree on our beautiful and valuable landscape and the character of our historical rural area with many ancient trees is completely un-imaginable. The majority of the locals feel totally disregarded by Rampion 2 and our opinions unconsidered. We moved to the countryside for a way of life. There is an abundance of wild animals and birds living in the proposed site and we have farm and domestic animals that depend on the tranquillity for their wellbeing and safety and this can not be undervalued. Whilst we do not dismiss the need for green energy, we believe alternative sites could be found with less of a impact to such a valuable green site and also to our way of life as rural guardians.

We MUST get you to see the impact that the above plans would have to the traffic situation on this part of the A272 and A281 and no less important, the impact on Kent Street and Picts Lane. It seems our previous statements are being ignored or dumbed down without REAL investigation. The amount of HGV and LGV needed will not only destroy the roads but cause total congestion and impact the safety of other road users on a daily basis. In contradiction to what Rampion2 seem to think, there would be huge additional congestion built up as a result of the additional journeys by staff members and construction vehicles: this, added to an already totally over loaded road system not only on the A roads but by the double mini roundabouts which are staggered and already an accident black spot due to the large vehicles mounting pavements and mis judging bollards etc. This is a walking route between the local VILLAGE primary school and the VILLAGE car park and also the only VILLAGE shop which locals walk to. This will add to the vulnerability of local residents. There will also be a huge impact of the air pollution which is already over the national guidelines.

I understand that you are conducting a site visit on 14th May. Please allow enough time to really absorb the whole local area and walk down both Picts Lane and Kent Street and imagine how these lanes are effected when there is an accident or breakdown on that part of the A272. Please imagine how these narrow single track lanes with blind bends and ditches, suffer as a result of congestion trying to by-pass the effected areas (and look at the photos that have previously been sent). Then imagine how these little lanes would suffer traffic wise - once the construction has started and continuing for up to 7 years)? I live on and I love it here. I have to use the road to walk my horses along in order to get them from grazing to the farm. I will have to re-home my horses as I would be terrified knowing the traffic levels would be any worse than they are now. It is always unpredictable depending on what is going on down on the A272 or A281 and an increase of traffic would be totally dangerous. I can not see how the traffic levels on Picts Lane would be unaffected as Rampion 2 say. This again goes to show how little effort they are making to take this seriously and how much effort they are putting in to downplaying the situation.

Please please do not allow this site to be chosen for the sub station. There are definitely others more suitable sites.

Yours faithfully,

Annie Lewis