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COD 1.5

With the Bolney National Grid substation being located in the Parish of Twineham, Twineham Parish Council wishes to be included in any Community Benefits package. Residents of Twineham Parish have already endured 6 years for the construction of the Rampion 1 substation and cable route, which were constructed in the Parish of Twineham. This entailed a lot of noise, dust and construction traffic. There were occasions when construction work was extended to 7 days a week from 07.00 hours to 21.30 hours throughout one summer. A Community Benefits fund was available to the approximately 40 residential properties impacted by these works. Although residents are very grateful for such items as benches for the cricket pitch, those who benefit from the items are not necessarily the people who endured such horrendous works. At a meeting of West Sussex County Council Environmental & Community Services Select Committee on 12th July 2013 for Rampion 1 it was stated, "That more work is done to consider the need for adequate compensation to individuals....." and that, "In considering the definition of affected individuals, communities and businesses, this definition is not applied too narrowly." Unfortunately, direct compensation was not forthcoming for individuals, but it is something about which Twineham Parish Council feels very strongly, given the very adverse impact previous works have caused.

DCO 1.23

Twineham Parish Council considers that the permitted hours should be a Requirement, and therefore easier to control. Twineham Parish Council insists that hours are 08.00 - 18.00 hours, Monday - Friday, and 08.00 hours - 13.00 hours on Saturdays with absolutely no works on Saturday afternoons, Sundays or Bank Holidays. We understand that there will be "Shoulder Hours" from 07.00 - 8.00 hours and 18.00 - 19.00 hours for opening up and shutting down the site and for deliveries. Twineham Parish Council also insists that there is no loading or unloading of deliveries during these hours. Experience has shown that this is a very noisy activity and there are a number of residential properties in close proximity to the site.

DCO 1.24

Twineham Parish Council has concerns regarding noise, particularly given the topography of the site. There is already noise from the National Grid substation, the Rampion 1 substation and UK Power Networks, together with a noisy "silt buster" installed by Rampion 1 to filter pollutants from surface water run-off before it runs into a watercourse.

NV 1.7

During the construction of Rampion 1, noise monitors were placed on the boundaries of two residential properties in close proximity to the Rampion 1 substation site and the access from Wineham Lane. This was to monitor the noise levels to ensure that they did not exceed accepted limits. The levels will particularly affect Coombe House, in Bolney Parish, and Twineham Court Farm in Twineham Parish. Both of these are Listed buildings.

TA 1.13

Twineham Parish Council has already stated that hours should be 08.00 - 18.00 hours, Monday - Friday, and 08.00 - 13.00 hours on Saturdays, with no work on Saturday afternoons, Sundays or Bank Holidays. The "Shoulder Hours" of one hour before and one hour after working hours are noted. We insist that there should be no loading or unloading during these hours. (See DCO 1.23 above)

TA 1.14

Although this relates to traffic in the Cowfold Area, Twineham Parish Council would add that no use should be made of the lanes in the Parish of Twineham by any construction traffic:

Hickstead Lane

Bolney Chapel Road

Twineham Lane

Bob Lane

Wineham Lane

The proposal that use should be made of the southern end of Wineham Lane is very concerning. Wineham Lane has been strengthened from the A272 to the entrance to the National Grid. The southern end of Wineham Lane is very narrow with 2 very narrow bridges.

Should any of the above matters be on the Agenda for the Issue Specific Hearings in mid-May, a representative of Twineham Parish Council would wish to be present