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and can all those online hear me clearly?

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I'm gonna assume that's a yes. Yes. Thank you. And can I confirm that the live streaming of this event has commenced? Yes, thank you. It is now 6pm. Welcome to this second open floor hearing in relation to the application made by rampion. Extension limited for the proposed rampion to offshore wind farm, which is now open. My name is Claire below. I'm a chartered scientist and a member of Siam, the Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of the panel of inspectors to examine this application. Can I ask my colleagues to introduce themselves please?

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Hello, my name is Steven Rani. I'm a chartered town planner. I've been appointed by the sector state to be a member of this examiner authority for this application.

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Good evening, I'm Richard Allen. I'm a chartered town planner, an examining inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to be the lead member of the panel of inspectors to examine this application.

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Good evening, my name is Joe Sullivan. I'm a chartered town planner. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member of the examining authority for this application.

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Thank you try that again. Good evening. My name is Richard Morgan. I'm a chartered engineer Fellow at the Institution of Civil Engineers will be appointed by the Secretary of State to be a member the examining authority for this application

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came together we constitute the examining authority for this application. Today's joining online in the arrangements conference and those who are present in this room. You will or may have already spoken to Lily Robins who is the case manager for this project. And she is supported by colleagues from the case team at the planning Inspectorate including Georgie Ham again. Before we commence today, I will need to deal with a few housekeeping matters and general observations. I will try to get through these as quickly as possible. Firstly, can everyone either switch off their mobile phones or other notification devices or switch them to silent? Thank you. The toilets are located back towards reception of the foyer area. Fire exits are straight out of these doors, and then right and then left. There are no fire alarm tests expected today as far as we understand. Can I also check if anyone had difficulties in accessing this room this evening, given the steps from reception to get here? Our understanding is that there is level access to a different door. Does anyone know if anyone had any difficulties getting to this room. If you are attending online, please keep your camera off and microphone muted unless you are speaking with us. If you wish to speak and want our attention, then please use the raise hands function on Teams. This open floor hearing was held the first open floor hearing was held earlier this year on Tuesday the sixth of February 2024. As part of the set of hearings at the start of the examination, several interested parties have requested a second open floor hearing. And while the examining authority of course wishes to hear what you have to say the examining authority request that these are additional points only and do not seek to repeat previously made comments made either orally at the OpenFlow hearing one or at any subsequent hearing. Be assured that all points already made have been noted and will be considered by the examining authority. I would like to reassure you that we are familiar with the documents you've sent in. And if you wish to refer to the information already submitted, I would be very grateful if you could provide the appropriate Planning Library Reference. Could I also please that the first step the first time you use an abbreviation or an acronym that you give the full title as there will be people here today or listening on audio, who may not be as familiar with the application or the documents as you are holding the second open floor hearing before the second issue specific hearing, and the compulsory acquisition hearing, will allow the examining authority to pursue in more detail at those events. Any of the points raised today if necessary. It is the examining authorities intention to hear from interested parties in the first instance from those who have pre registered to speak, after which any interested party who has not pre registered, but who wishes to speak will be invited to do so. The open floor hearing will run until all interested parties have made their oral representations and have responded to the examining authorities exploration of the matters arising from them. Should time permits the examining authority will then consider asking for any contributions from other persons who may be present. For the Planning Act purposes, other persons are those persons who are not interested parties, but who made representations after the close of the relevant representations period. But before the preliminary meeting. Finally, again should time permits the examining authority will then hear from any other non interested party who wishes to speak. The examining authority reminds those persons present that non interested parties can speak only today at the discretion of the examining authority. The examining authority will offer the applicant a right of response following all discussions. Although we acknowledge that the applicant may not wish to respond at this meeting, it may be necessary to impose the team's time restrictions on the applicant as we have for all participants. Following the response from the applicant should they choose to make one the meeting will close. I would like to remind you that section 94 Eight of the 2008 Planning Act gives the examining authority the power to disallow representations to be made at the hearing if the examining authority considers that the representations are irrelevant, vexatious or frivolous, relate to

the merits of policy set out in a national policy statement. Repeat other representations already made in any form and by any person or relate to the compensation for compulsory acquisition of land or have an interest in or write over land. The latter point of section 94 Eight is particularly relevant. And I would like to say a few words on that. The examining authority notes that there are a number of speakers today who wish to talk about land and property issues. Much of which will be discussed at the compulsory acquisition hearing to be held on Friday the 17th and Tuesday the 21st of may. I must remind effective persons and others that the examining authority cannot discuss or entertain discussions on matters of compensation, either directly as a cause of the land rights sought, or indirectly from perceived blight, devaluation of property values or other matters. The Act specifically prohibits these from consideration and the examining authority has no power to hear or report on them. They are matters for the courts. As the hearing today is being recorded, the only official record of the proceeding is this recording, which will be uploaded onto the inspectorates website as soon as practicable after the hearing. Social media comments or messages blogs and similar forms of communications arising out of this meeting will not be accepted as evidence in the examination of this application. Can I ask Is there anyone from the press here or anyone who intends to record this hearing? Thank you. To ensure everyone can have their say each individual speaker will have a time limit of three minutes that we request that you only talk about additional points you have rather than repeating points already made. I shall let you know when you're approaching that your time limit for the purposes of the recording and for reference, when you do speak, please can I ask that you state your name and your interest in the case. I have a list of the persons who have registered to speak today. And I will go through this list now to confirm those who wish to speak and whether they are here in person or online. So starting with Steve Tilbury from Washington parish council and the Washington recreation, ground charity Steve Tilbury

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I'll go through the whole list

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first and then I'll call each individual speaker to speak. So if I just go through the list the list first. So secondly, we have Steve reading from California parish council. Thank you. Colin Humphreys from crimping parish council.

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Here online,

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online. Thank you. Janine Cray not not doing sweet today. Okay. Thank you Mira Smith, Hearst, Amira you're going to represent yourself and California rampion. Just California rampion K. Thank you. Elizabeth Moraga. Is Elizabeth here today.

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Elizabeth is unable to be here. Okay,

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thankfully. Tom Etherton, not here. Okay. Alan Griffiths. Represented by Henry Adams. No. Not online either. No. And is that Janice Griffith also represented by the agent Henry Adams. And neither here nope. Okay. Carlos Moraga from constructive heritage partnership.

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Not able to be here. Okay.

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Okay. And Rowan Allen. Shona Lemoyne. I'm here, Shawna online. Okay. Thank you. Melanie Jones. Okay, thank you. Maria. Talofa.

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Able to be here sadly.

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No. Okay. Thank you. Simon. Killam. Yes. Okay. Thank you. Paul Lightbourne. Yes. Daniel ball.

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Yes, online. Yep.

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Thank you, James bed seems bad online or in the room. Now. Okay. Thank you. And Andrew Porter. Yes. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Are there any additional people in attendance today, either in person or online? who wish to speak? I can't see anyone online and I can't see any hands up in the room. Okay, thank you. Okay, finally, I would like to say a few words on the General Data Protection Regulation. As you will note from the examining authorities will sixth letter dated the 14th of December 2023. That this event is being recorded as well as being live streamed to interested parties who requested this, the digital recordings are retained and published, they form a public record that can contain personal information, and to which the GDPR applies. The planning inspectorates practice is to retain and publish recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on this application. Consequently, if you participate in today's hearing, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and that you therefore consent to the retention and publication of the digital recording. We will only ever asked for information to be placed on the public record that is important and relevant to the planning decision. It will only be in the rarest of circumstances that we might ask you to provide personal information of the type that most of us would prefer to keep confidential or private. Therefore, to avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, we would ask that you try your best not to add information to the public record that you would wish to be kept private or that is confidential. Does anyone have any questions in regarding to this matter? I could not see any hands up. Okay, thank you. I shall call those to speak in the audit of AARP on my list. If you're here in person, I will invite you to in turn to come and sit at the microphone in the front table to make your speech or we will can bring a microphone to you. For those joining online. I will invite you to turn your camera and microphone on at the appropriate time.

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They starting with Steve Tilbury from Washington parish council, and the Washington recreation ground. Three minutes Yes. Thank you.

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Thank you ma'am. My name is Steve Tilbury. I'm a planning consultant I speak on the instructions of Washington parish council will be aware that the parish council has always opposed the route through Washington village was never received a detailed explanation of why it is preserved preferred over alternatives, which were put forward or might have been considered. It is of course, the essay to determine whether it will be committed and read can always say that there is a statutory process to go through. Both the parish council is very disappointed with the consultation which preceded the application. The examination, if read had no serious intention and mature engagement, as opposed to treating consultation as unnecessary but irrelevant formality, which is sadly the view of many in Washington. Turning briefly to the specific points we'd like to draw to your attention, the crossing of the recreation ground, horizontal direct drilling is proposed and of course, that is the only acceptable option open trenching would be completely unacceptable. And if consent is given, it must be on the basis that only HDG is permitted. And it is not possible an alternative recruit route must be required. Read cannot can be given scope to instal any equipment, manholes or infrastructure which would compromise the immunity and enjoyment of the recreation ground in the future. disturbance. We urge you to ensure that there is timely, effective and sympathetic engagement with a parish council and local residents before ensuring any works on site. We acknowledge that some temporary inconvenience may be unavoidable. But that does not excuse read from keeping it to a minimum good quality information advance notice and on site liaison, at least we should expect and it will go a long, long way to making life more tolerable for those involved the impact of the temporary construction compound at Washington. This will be a significant fact of life for residents over several years. We're grateful to Horsham District Council for raising concerns that we share about the operation of the TCC and its local impact reports. And we'd ask you to give those careful consideration. The operation of the TCC must be subject to tight controls to minimise noise and dust and to ensure that construction traffic does not enter the village or take non permitted routes. There must be effective sanctions for non compliance. We'd ask for the establishment of a local Liaison Group or similar so that local residents can raise concerns directly with read about the operation of the TCC. Temporary works access as the South Downs National Park Authority has pointed out there's a proliferation of works access points in the Storrington. Washington area. We've asked you to test read on whether these are all really necessary and reduce the number if at all possible. The agreement of rights and I'm not talking about the commercial aspect of this but of the process that's been going through the parish council has been placed in an impossible position by the attitude red has taken to the payment of fees for professional advisors which are essential to negotiating land rights. Red has insisted on placing a cap on professional fees that it will reimburse even though it must know that a public body cannot accept such terms. The parish council has a fiduciary duty to its residents not to leave them with a bill to meet costs which are imposed for the benefit of a third party read must accept fair and reasonable costs without an artificial cap which is would have no justification must be reimbursed. The parish council is in discussion with red agents on this matter, and we hope that they will be given instructions to proceed. If red maintains its current position, we would seriously question whether they really obtained intend to obtain rights by negotiation, whatever they have said in answer to your inquiries. parish council is not reconciled to the proposed cable route through the village. And we hope that you will give this careful scrutiny before you

accept that it should be approved. Read should have presented their justification to us. And although we know you will thoroughly testing because details that they've provided, we should have been treated with greater respect. We asked you to bear in mind the practical and long term implications that the proposal will have on Washington and if you do permit to ensure that read have clear and close parameters work within such that those impacts will be minimised. The relationship between read and the community could have been much better. And we've been getting not being given the distinct impression that it is about what's convenient for them at the expense of our community to Washington this cable route through the village or have the construction infrastructure so close, but if it must happen, it must be tightly controlled and effectively managed. Thank you

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I've just one of the issues I will pull up with the applicant on the DCO on Thursday is their insertion of a construction communication plan which They've in they've put into the latest version, the DCO. So one of the points I will be bringing up with them is the matter you said as exactly what does that mean in respect of the communication that would occur so I'll cover that off with them on Thursday

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Thank you. Okay, moving on now to Steve reading from CarePoint California parish council

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Okay, thank you. Careful parish council fully upholds you with LNG projects in principle and recognises their importance to our environment. However, this support is predicated on the fact that any such projects are cited in an appropriate location and includes suitable mitigations to minimise any impact on the construction, operational and reinstatement phases. The parish council feels they need to publicly iterate a number of specific concerns, which they believe will have a direct impact on the lives and livelihoods of those residents and businesses situated in his primarily rural parish for not, excuse me, not only the immediate construction phase timeframe, but potentially decades ahead, referring in the wider context of loss of species of species which habitat, historic woodland and impacts on listed buildings. California remains proud of its cultural ecology and the community has evolved in a manner in which social, environmental and biological aspects of the parish have achieved an established equilibrium with the landscape species and associated habitats. These features provide the defining characteristics of the area as both a place of multigenerational residents and employment. Parish residents continue to have significant concerns over all types of increased vehicle traffic, both proximate and adjacent to the site's access. egress concerns have also been highlighted by Horsham District Council, including questions about the suitability and safety of the nominated routes, ie works traffic area access by single lane, narrow country roads with no defined passing places. And the physical means by which the site can be accessed is voiced by residents about enhanced traffic volume along the already heavily used a 272 with associated air quality and road safety impacts on careful village have been previously identified in the exam authorities action plan for the applicants calf approach counsellor does not believe these points have been satisfactorily qualified, and wishes to reiterate the need for representative accurate and transparent information which he believes to date have not been fully reviewed and communicated. The potential for diminished quality of life for those living in a parish is of significant concern to the parish council and residents alike, particularly in respect of reiterated air quality management levels, traffic congestion and road safety. The addition of

significant further levels of traffic including supplementary heavy goods vehicles can only be detrimental to compounding the impact on already overburdened highway. The parish council wishes to restate as acknowledged at paragraph one that he appreciates and upholds the vital place green energy has in providing sustainable solutions for the future. The overarching question was the parish council has presented the examining authority throughout the evaluation process is the suitability of this project in the processing. Should the substation associated aspects go ahead, there'll be lasting and potentially irreparable damage to both the community and landscape in which has coexisted for hundreds of years.

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Thank you for your representation. Kay, moving on now to Colin Humphries from clamping parish council, who I believe is online. That's

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right. So good evening, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I just wanted to make three points. We recognise that if the power is coming on shore at clumping, there's going to be a major impact on our small village. We're particularly concerned about the work on noise and vibration. There are a number of very sensitive areas in the village. And in particular close to the clamping compound is an area called clipping Park. And it's an area of elderly living. And whilst the project to continually talk about temporary disturbance, I'd like to point out that when you're in your eighth is the next four years, it's actually quite significant. And we've noted the comments by Arun District Council and West Sussex to the effect that disturbance could be significant. And we're very keen that there is independent monitoring put in place so that this system can be all the activities can be properly controlled. So that's my first point monitoring of that compound at the accessed a oh five we've noted that all the routings should be coming on the A to five nine and then turning north into Church Lane. I want to be sure that there is a specific exclusion of traffic finding its way down from the A 27 through yet and and forth because those roads aren't suitable, and in particular, the use of local roads such as horse Megurine Lane, the track cost construction traffic should be banned from such roads. Our third point is about reinstatement, the compound and clamping it's being built on high grade agricultural land. The National Natural England agricultural land classification shows this is great to farmland and that's consistent with the land just on the other side of Church Lane. We feel that commitment C 27. Needs to be beefed up. It talks about reinstating the compound after use as best can be reasonably achieved or words to that effect. We feel that it should be explicitly stating that the the reinstatement should be to reinstate the agricultural land to a comparable quality that was there before the compound was put there. Those are my three points about the clumping compound. Thank you very much.

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Thank you for thank you for representation. We will be raising those points with the applicant during these hearings.

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Katie We now move on to mirror Smith hearse please from kaufhold versus rampion.

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When you look at natural England's criticisms of the ecology, you find that a disproportionately high number of the failed or inadequate surveys are actually a token deed and the northern cable route. This means that the ecological findings for our area are disproportionately downplayed by the applicant if they were investigated at all. The Forestry Commission on connectivity the South Downs National Park Authority on bats and door mice, sweet Hill Farm even the French government all reiterate many of our concerns about survey data, lending credence to our arguments. We hope you will hear and see something on what is the what is special here on your visit tomorrow. But the importance of the area is not regarding any one species, but its special characteristic comes from the sheer diversity of species and habitats in such a small area. From the small fields and dense hedges and scrub and mature trees all providing safe interconnect connectivity and floodplains, wildflower meadows, and ancient hedges, woods, lakes and ponds. There are so many things regarding the New Kent street proposals which are wrong. The sheer size of vehicles which will need access will cause problems to users, the road and to the landscape. There will be a requirement for banksman for years on end, why not just traffic lights, the proposed 40 mile and a half speed limit on the A to seven two, and the impacts of which have not been considered. There's a huge turning arc onto the 272 directly adjacent to the opening substation turning point. With the associated dangers and the visual devastation of having the two so close together. There's a lack of evidence on the actual ability to get in and out of the access points a 61 and a 64, let alone whether they can even turn round in the three cable routes. The failings of the Enzo traffic survey and whether ramp Ian's own survey will be any more fit for purpose. Do we know if it can be accurate for both extremes such as bicycles and massive HGVs. Grampians traffic modelling only looks at traffic numbers in the context of freely flowing traffic and does not adequately consider the mini roundabouts or the three to D turning traffic, the three traffic turning points so close together, both of which will cause congestion and affect the capacity of the road. California is already at capacity, the 10% negligible impact is only appropriate for a situation where traffic is not at capacity, the 40 mile an hour new suggestion hasn't been factored into any of the modelling and the conflicting vehicle numbers given to various people throughout the examination. How can the modelling be accurate if they keep changing the numbers? Residents living on the 87 to near Oh contain will not be able to see past the queuing traffic waiting for vehicles to turn into Kent street or the a 63 compound and we'll have to leap out blind from their driveways and from Kent Street to turn right onto the busy road. The only way to ensure that that is a tall safe would be traffic light Particularly when we've got the complicated movement of vehicles through three different compounds and access points. The problem with traffic lights is the cues may be worse as a result. But for safety reasons it needs to be traffic lights. Regarding hedges we discovered although it isn't in the new to Kent street tract Kent street plan, that even wider visibility splays than previously will be needed to accommodate the traffic at both access points down Kent street and on the 272. There's a conflict between the demolition of the northeast corner of open Dean's hedge and tree line for the massive Kent street access Ark. And the updated design and access plan which shows this very corner nicely replanted in the first year off after commencement. How is this possible? Similarly, how would the helmet hedge retention and tree retention and even the notching proposals be possible, whilst at the same time allowing giant vehicles to drive along the whole road let alone turn around again, there will be nothing left I

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asked you to summarise in start to finish, please. Okay.

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So just wanted to say that the massive devastation to the visual impact of the changes they want to make to the access to chemistry and the open DNS substation. And when you go tomorrow, just visualise what it will be like with all those hedges and trees removed. And think about the grant final ground level of the substation, because with the slope, I think you'll find that actually the southern end will have to be raised based on what they are saying. And that will have a visual impact. And finally just converted they've they've just converted a minimum of four and a half years to a worst case scenario. But there's no credible evidence as to how they can justify this claim. rampion one with both to take two years but took six. And they are saying they may need seven years in which to start because of concerns about procuring materials. And how will it work with the promise not to work in the breeding birds season? Or when it's wet or flooding? Surely these things will prolong the construction period, not shorten it.

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Thank you for your point.

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I just wanted to add that. Yes, we will look at all that tomorrow. You'll have seen from the itinerary we've got we've dedicated quite a lot of the time in the afternoon to that area, so we can have a really good look at that. And also you'll see on the agenda for Thursday that we will be certainly examining the the traffic situation proposed traffic situation. And I think we have questions for the applicant on a similar line to the what you've raised here. So hopefully you'll take that away as some comfort.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. Okay, could we now turn to Shawna Lemoyne, who I believe is online.

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Shona Lemoyne available? Yes. Hi. Okay. Okay. All right. Sorry about that. Okay, well, having having read the responses from rampion to what we put forward, it was it was just they kept on negating everything. They say everything was going to be negligible, everything's going to be minimum. During the construction of rampion, one, when they were installing only turbines far smaller. There were residents who complained about noise. There was a people were suffering sleepless nights and that was with wind turbines less than half the size, which seems like to be out here. So the effects of the noise construct during construction is a serious concern that cannot be ignored. Evidently, what am I totally dispute that the applicant claim that the effect on the Arturis trade will be negligible? Our web has repeatedly dismissed our concerns is never negligible. They say that they carry on being beautiful because they think their constructions are beautiful. Which is obviously not going to be the case when they're completely reinventing our horizon.

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Right. Yes, proposals for renewable energy infrastructure should demonstrate good design and respect the landscape and digital immunity of the design and the project should mitigate impacts such as noise and effects on ecology. They should contribute to and enhance the local environments while evidently these are not going to be contributing or enhancing the local environment, it's kind of impossible. They seem to suggest that by changing their design, so that the Southdown National Park maybe has a little bit of a clear view it they assume that we're going to be wearing blinkers. I mean, we will be looking from left to right. And you can't just sort of look that way and say, Oh, actually, that's fine, because there isn't a turbine just there. Because there will be turbines across the entire horizon, and maybe a little bit of a gap. So basically, that's it. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

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Thank you. Okay, so thank you very much. We will now move on to Melanie Jones from Middleton on see coastal Alliance, who I believe is here in person.

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Hello, no, I'm not I'm online.

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Oh, you're online. Okay, because he's an accident.

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Thank you. We've got three issues. And actually I realised I need my camera on. Sorry about that. Okay, hopefully you can see me now, we have three issues, the first and last lack of considered visual interpretation. So far, there is little substantive understanding to mitigate or listen to our local voice. Having already provided viewpoints for some 16 other locations. rampion dismisses a viewpoint for Middleton on see this and the repeated poor public consultation procedure makes it appear Middleton onsie will in fact benefit from such a frightening and hideous view. It must therefore be hidden from us until built so still nothing to deter that supposition. Whether photo montage or video depicting the horizon viewpoint between Littlehampton and Bognor Regis is vital, but it is vital for those who live here. The inspectors, in fact also requested visual representation for the hearing in February after which point the applicant declared it was too difficult to provide. This is two and a half years after we had asked for this, but we were told it was too expensive to incorporate in their limited PR budget, the applicant in their response in appendix B to our ar 249 2.3. Note the significant effect on views the applicant considers that effects reversible and not irrevocably. Change changed at the end of the project some 20 to 25 years in the future, to state that in 2.45. Virtually all nationally significant energy infrastructure projects will have an effect on the landscape but does not mean there is a requirement to inflict a heavy footprint of urbanisation and fencing off of the horizon. Sitting behind statutory guidelines is not a transparent reproach. The future removal again will impact on both the life immunity and environment both visually and physically. The changing character and physical impact is right now, people on the environment. Even the apparent the applicant agrees that positive and negative effects of the proposed development need to be considered. It is a perception of the applicant that the benefits are so positive from a cost profit decision. How can therefore local people and the environment stand up to the overbearing need to tick the green box destroy the local environment or save the planet? Balance is not part of the equation, it seems referring to the need for renewable energy against the adverse impact of

visual destruction of the landscape. The argument in fact appears already to be agreed. Our second point is navigation lights flashing red over the entire horizon landscape visualised particularly at night that picture no view to see will escape from these War of the Worlds stylized structures, no break or mitigating gap from rampion. One. We know the night time viewpoint assessment and the supporting study an appendix and the words no tight nighttime significant effects will be predicted to occur in these urban areas. Actually, we're not an urban area, we're residential and there is already a significant effect from rampion. One at night. Lastly, it is important to note sustainability and the rule of law and stand we stand behind that, but adverse impacts outweighing benefits is a key policy it seems. As we are noting many times we should address the real national benefits side of calculation Shouldn't we cannot blindly accept what our web says and twist and interpret MPs provisions in our web favour. There must be provision of policy safeguards, the Oasis, well researched, empirically supported interpretation of the European landscape Convention, which does not permit an AR to by any stretch of the imagination. This is as galling to us as it is unlawful. How can rampion to be acceptable and beautiful, a gesture and visual demonstration of virtue? Or is it a dystopian industrial transformation of the national seascape? This is complicated and multi strand development hitting different levels of understanding, technical support and knowledge. We ought the ESA ought the government the application and local residents, I hope will sense of freedom you take this project forward, transparently, not driving towards acceptance, ignoring the legal and local requirements, or grey areas of knowledge. Otherwise, what is the point of following the plan consultation to start to finish please. Costly hearings and skillful public relations. If no development has any parameters of trust, stainability and legality, we ask for consideration of the people who live here. We are just people all ages and shapes and sizes. We have real concerns and may not necessarily be legally or scientifically proficient. We care for where we live, which is why we are here and cannot realistically interact with the level of detail and research that the examination requires to fully endorse our arguments and the correct level of technical prowess. It does not mean it's gonna ask you to meet your final point or last line it does not mean our future or ourselves should be ignored. We live here and do you do not in the circumstances of the application have agreed? I doubt you ever would. And thank you for the extra seconds. Thank you Many thanks.

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Okay, moving on now to Simon Killam I believe is here in person.

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Good evening, my name is Sami Killam. I'm a tenant farmer at geske a farm on the western estate. We are a mixed farm cattle sheep grass Narrable. In the cable route centres the form by going through three fields and an access track to lower fields with a rampion is of national importance. I have no view. But I must have to eject because he's already having a negative effect on me financially and it has not even started rampion have not followed correct consultation guidelines, which is leaving my business in a very vulnerable position. They do not understand the negative impacts of project will have my farming business. They pay lip service only, and then either do nothing or do whatever they like, thinking they own the place and that I have no rights as a tenant farmer. For example, stocking rates of cattle and sheep were to ramp and think landlords will live Whilst this is going on? Do I cut numbers on the farm as forage and grazing acres will be reduced? will I pay will rampion pay for or find me the loss forage, please so high in straw ball rampion reimburse for loss of output. No formula for the above has been forwarded to me to view discuss and iron out any problems. It feels to me you get what you're given like

it or lump it. This is wholly unacceptable. In my situation, I have to pay rent to my landlord and then be reimbursed by rampion. Today no acknowledgement of this has happened no timescale of frequency of payments to myself. I do not wish to be the Bank of rampion nor should I have to be part of our farm or in environmental schemes, hedgerows, ditches cropping, there is no mention of how these will be managed protected. So he continued to comply with the scheme. At present rampion have not engaged with me on any of these matters. And by all accounts reading other people's submissions, I am not alone. I have no idea of how compensation will be calculated or how often payments will be made. I'm not sure my business could withstand non payment of losses, or protracted fight receive them. As with any project we do need to plan even a temporary project like rampion although two to three years is a long time on a farm. How can I do this with no heads of terms? No correct consultation and having no means of purposeful dialogue with rampion to provide solutions to the problems above rampion have not committed to a fair and just procedure, which is transparent tool. As it stands, I feel I would have to fight tooth and nail to receive any compensation early. How can a decision on this application be made with so many unanswered questions? If you are minded about this application, could you please ensure there is a stringent legal timely, impartial process for effective parties to repeat receive recompense? Thank you for your time. Thank you.

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And now we'll move to Paul lightburn. Thank you.

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Good evening. Thank you. I want to make a couple of points related. The first one is related to ramekins response to the actions that they undertook to provide at the end of the last hearing, they undertook to provide more granularity with respect to providing 24/7 access on private means private lanes, private means of access lanes. Their document our EP two dash O two eight did not address the action where they undertook to provide this granularity. It goes on to reference in other documents that this access will be provided in accordance with the outline construction plan. And that's a document reference our EP three dash O 242. All that does is repeat and reference again what we as residents have been told since October 2023. It states that contractors will respond to reasonable requests, whose interpretation of what reasonable is in law that is very open to interpretation. It may be different from what contractors deem reasonable, especially when they are working to construction deadlines. we foresee instances where residents drive up to the open trench required to get out to go shopping, take the kids to school, or attend medical appointments, with contractors refusing to give way because then it's understanding what the agreement has been made.

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And related to other documents, there are others where it there are places where there are vague statements, which say things like to be decided at the detailed design stage. And that's a reference particularly in the construction document which says that means of access, temporary or permanent will be provided the detailed design stage, that's going to be after contractors have been appointed. It relates to things like providing access to us on Kings Lane and making damage to roads such as Kent Street, which is already in a very poor state of repair. We would like to be assured that if consent is granted, the planning Inspectorate will place conditions on the applicant to ensure that it honours these, which I'm have to say in many cases are just suggestive, and almost applicators statements. Numerous

similar offers were made by me by rampion. One when that project was undertaken, many were not honoured, or was subsequently abrogated by local authorities when they asked for working hours to be amended due to construction problems. So as you go forward to consider this consent, I'm sure that there will be conditions applied, but these conditions do need to take account of all the things which they're promising to do at the moment or assuring that they will undertake but these documents will not be fixed and firm until after the consent has been granted. So some sort of certainty needs to be applied. So this is a plea we make to the planning Inspectorate to consider the those residents who are going to be severely affected by whatever rampion decide to do. Thank you. Thank you.

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Now, if we move on to Daniel ball, who is Daniel virtual? Is he on line?

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Hello, can you hear me? Yes. Okay.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Claire. I just like to echo the thoughts of Washington parish council and careful parish council on the lack of consultation and communication. There's definitely a scene going through the hearings today about how rampion are trying to sort of bulldoze through local residents concerns, in particular like to speak with reference to written question LR 1.2 and LR 1.3 by the ESA into the applicant regarding funding statement and the book of reference, the XF stated in LR one point to the effect of construction or operation of the proposed development on property values. We are a family who owned Richlands house later we renamed it Oakland, which is one of the newest properties, the Oakland Dean site and also very close to access 61. We've been extremely concerned about rampion since the beginning, and I've been members of the careful versus rampion group and made representations throughout the examination. The project will have the largest detrimental effect for the homes around the substation, and most inconvenience for homes along Kent Street. We belong to both of these groups unfortunately, and rampion have not been listening. Rampion only submitted the Kent street traffic plan on deadline three, which shows how much significance they place on this area of our homes. The applicant has not engaged with us on our issues and does not give an answer to our concerns. In answer to this direct ESA question, the applicant has simply answered in document our EP three hyphens 051 8.54 page 45 and mentions our property, but the facts are not correct. And there is no real answer to the question posed by the ESA as you've seen today from other people talking this seems to be a theme running through how rampion behave. So the Save asked a question asked for details, but there's no details they've given a random statement about something they know nothing about. Our property has been marketed off market for over nine months, has been on the open market since February 2020. For over four months. With no firm offers to date. The chilling effect of rampion is definitely been felt along cane Street. We will also have to try and reduce our price further to see where we will have buyers. And the difficult we have difficulty we have at the moment is we don't know what capital loss we have, until we can find a buyer. The same has happened to another home further down cane street which rampion you know about residence around the construction site and the substation will

be most affected during construction and afterwards during operation. And we would appreciate it if the ESA would ask the applicant to engage with us and our issues. They are severe for many people and the capital loss is large, we believe can Street and the two access points and the substation location is the wrong project in the wrong place. As highlighted by our MP Andrew Griffiths, the whole area will be destroyed by a project which will not achieve its macro environmental aims as stated at the onset. And I hope the ESA will look into all the representations submitted from local residents around California. Obviously, we've now received the can street traffic plan, which was buried, I think at the end of an appendix D. Hopefully tomorrow when you have a walk around, you'll see Ken Street and the open Dean site, and why this traffic plan falls way short of enabling residents to live in their current homes. Thank you for listening and thank you for your time.

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Thank you. I'm a resident of Northfield Lane just off Kent street, I would like to just build on a dimension of what's already been mentioned by a mirror and careful parish council, namely regard to traffic down Kent Street and specifically traffic management down Kent Street. clearly trying to turn a single track lane into a juggernaut highway is always going to be a challenge. So it's encouraging to see finally there is more focus now on exactly how that traffic management might happen. But I do want to request that the examining authority also includes focus on the other users of the single track lane. So can street lane, unlike wine and Lane is a very obvious and very natural bridleway connector. So we have a significant number of equestrian users, cyclists, pedestrians and dog walkers going up and down the lane. I think what's certainly very very clear when you look at the number of properties along Ken St. Mountfield lane and even across up to pixeling as well, I can count 13 equestrian properties and these are just establishments, some of which are family some very, very basic professional operations. And they absolutely all require equestrian access along the lane, whether it's to get back actually bridleway for exercise, or north across up, picks lanes John balls lane for exercise up towards warm England. So while we have seen more focus on the traffic management plan, I don't see how that can be a consistent or credible solution unless the plan also includes how that will incorporate those others other users and the safety of those other users going forward through the construction phase. Thank you thinking.

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To Can I just ask because everybody who's registered to speak today had an opportunity to speak to anyone in the room who wishes to speak for anyone online Okay, thank you. Yes, sir.

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Please introduce yourself thinking

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as names jury from Carrefour Parrish. Not prepared notes, excuse me for that. The A 272 has for some time had traffic in the order of 18,500 movements per day on a five day basis. And much of the work has been done using that number. In 23, that figure increased to 19,750. And the first three months of this year has increased by a further three to 4%. So I believe a number of the calculations done on false premise. The second thing is that there has been discussion about the traffic compared to traffic numbers compared to the rampion traffic numbers. I think that is disingenuous, because what we need

to see is the traffic going into the exits and from the exits. Because every time a car turns, no matter which way it's going on to or off the road, it effectively comes to a standstill, and a standstill in traffic, whether it's doing 60 It would be now or even 40 Did at a limited speed is creating a very serious safety issue. And there is quite significant number of crashes take place on that road every year. And there's only going to increase it and I think we really need to see numbers based on the junction traffic in all four directions in and out of the junctions. And that's proposed for the new opening dunk junction as well as Ken street. So it's all about safety and traffic numbers. Thank you.

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Thank you. Now I'd like to give the applicant an opportunity to respond if there is anyone here from the applicant who'd like to do so.

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Good evening. I just wanted to thank the panel and the participants for this evening's session

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of the apogee be able to introduce yourself.

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Yes, I'm Nicolas games, onshore concerns manager for rampion extension development. The applicant has had a team in the room here this evening. And we have taken notes of of what's been raised, which we expect to respond to as necessary as the next deadline. And indeed whoever examining authority plans to bring up the issues over the hearings over the course of the week. So we will respond to questions there but we do not wish to get into a backwards and forwards this evening as an open floor hearing primarily. Okay.

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So I will just finish now with some closing remarks. We have not been notified that anyone wishes to raise any other businesses this is relevant to the hearing. So does anyone have anything else remaining that they wish to raise? Yes. To ask Yes.

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I'm not aware of that. But I think, Oh, well, I'm not aware of that. But I'm sure Miss Robbins will, will can check that for you after after this hearing.

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Think just for the applicant couldn't hear the question. So just for the audio recording, do you miss manners? Did you want to repeat what you've just said? Simply the microphones not on

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simply to simply to ask whether, in fact, you had altered the numbers of some of the our EP three documents and they're in the library looks to me like some of the ones in the 40s and 50s have changed by one number from when it was very first published. And that's quite confusing and frustrating, because if you're writing things down or recording things, you're not actually recording the

right numbers anymore. Could you? If it is the case, please? Is it possible to let everybody know what numbers have changed and what they've become which the documents are? Thank you.

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Okay, thank you. So if there's no other relevant business, may I remind you that the timetable for this examination requires that parties provide any post hearing documents or not before deadline for which is on the third of June 2024. May I also remind you that the recording of this hearing will be placed on the inspectorates website as soon as practicable after this meeting. So thank you very much for attending today and for your participation. We will consider all of your responses carefully, and they will inform the examining authorities decision whether written questions or around further round of hearings will be necessary. The next event is the accompanied site visit which will take place tomorrow for those who have registered to attend. The second issue specific hearing will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at this venue starting at 9:30am. And the first compulsory acquisition hearing will take place on Friday morning of this week at this venue starting at 930. And next week on Tuesday the 21st of May starting at 930 at the Leonardo hotel, details and agendas can be found in the published agendas. So once again, thank you, the time is now 1903 and this open floor hearing is now closed