



The Planning
Inspectorate

EN010117: Application by Rampion Extension Development Limited for the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm

Action points arising from Issue Specific Hearing 2

FOR THE APPLICANT:

DAY 1 - Wednesday 15 May 2024

AP	Description	By When
Agenda Item 1 – Introduction		
1	Applicant to provide an updated DCO at D4 as per the Examination Timetable so that the order is restored. IPs to withhold commentary on the draft DCO until after D4 as per the Examination Timetable.	D4
Agenda Item 2 – Onshore Ecology		
2	Applicant to update Vol 2 Chapter 22 of the ES, Terrestrial Ecology and Nature Conservation [APP-063] at D4.	D4
3	Applicant to consider providing an Outline Biodiversity Management Plan/ Strategy and respond at D4.	D4
4	Applicant to consider updating Commitment C-5 of the Commitments Register (CR) [REP3-049] and respond at D4.	D4
5	Applicant to consider updating CR Commitment C-112 and C-217 in response to Natural England’s written representations and ongoing discussions and respond at D4.	D4
6	Applicant to consider issues raised by West Sussex County Council (supported by Horsham District Council) regarding monitoring arrangements for reinstatement, timely remedial actions and handover procedures to an Offshore Transmission Owner and issues raised by South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) regarding the lack of detail in the Outline Landscape Ecology Management Plan and respond by D4.	D4
7	Applicant to submit a document specifically addressing SDNPA ecological concerns explaining the likely effects of the Proposed Development on the ecological features of South Downs National Park (SDNP) in the context of its elevated status and how the purposes of the SDNP, particularly in	D4

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	<p>relation to its ecological function, could be furthered by the Proposed Development by D4.</p> <p>The Applicant may wish to provide an update to REP1-024 to provide a comprehensive, cross-cutting document addressing all relevant matters affecting the SDNP.</p>	
8	Applicant to revise maximum parameters and assessment assumptions in Table 11-13 in Chapter 11: Marine Mammals, Volume 2 resubmitted at D1 [REP1-004], to be clearer regarding number of monopile and pin pile installations at different locations at any one time.	D4
Agenda Item 3 – Offshore Ecology		
9	Applicant to clarify the reasons for noise modelling locations particularly in relation to proximity to Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ).	D4
10	Applicant to consider how the maximum design scenario for piling is secured as a Requirement.	D4
11	Applicant to submit proposals for monitoring and adapted management of underwater noise.	D4
12	Applicant to submit a document on site specific information on different noise abatement systems at different depths and effectiveness for the Proposed Development.	D4
13	Applicant to provide evidence and figures showing the behavioural noise threshold (mitigated and unmitigated) with the MCZs at Beachy Head and any others where seahorses are a feature.	D4
14	Applicant to consider Article 5 in comparison to the Sheringham and Dungeon Development Consent Order and address the Natural England and Marine Management Organisation (MMO) wording changes to Deemed Marine License including Schedule 11 and 12 and Condition 10.	D4
15	MMO to respond to Appendix H of the Applicant's Responses to Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1) - Appendix H - FS: Noise Thresholds for Black Seabream [REP3-051] for the black seabream spawning ground exclusion using the 135db contour with the 20db noise mitigation.	D4
16	Applicant to consider and submit the without prejudice proposed Measure of Equivalent Environmental Measures (MEEB) for Kingmere MCZ.	D4
17	Applicant to include minimum depth of HDD drilling of 5 metres within and secured by the DCO.	D4
18	The Applicant states that gravel bags would be laid using a micro-siting approach where practicable to avoid sensitive offshore features, as set out in C-283 in the Commitments Register. Applicant to re-consider the words 'where practicable' in C-283 relation to impacts upon the chalk features to provide more certainty.	D4

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19	Applicant to consider the submission of outline Cable Specification and Installation Plan document and an outline Cable Burial Risk Assessment.	D4
20	Applicant to consider the submission of a document to compare the equipment and methodology for cable burial, including any lessons learnt from Rampion 1.	D4
21	Applicant to confirm the worst-case scenario of 4 monopile and 8 pin piles is what has been assessed in the Environmental Statement on the effects upon mammals and in Appendix 11.2 the Marine mammal quantitative underwater noise impact assessment [APP-148] and Appendix 11.3 the Underwater noise assessment technical report [APP-149].	D4
22	Applicant to submit the population modelling that Natural England suggest for the bottlenose dolphin.	D5
23	Applicant to present plan at D4 to Natural England and update on progress on discussions with Natural England for offshore in principle monitoring plan.	D5
24	Applicant to submit French translation of and a full response to all elements in the transboundary letter [REP3-104] from the French authorities.	D4
25	Applicant to consider updated Schedule 17 - Kittiwake Compensation Plan.	D4
Agenda Item 4 – Day 1 Other Matters		
26	Applicant to consider a new Requirements in relation to primary radar mitigation and Instrument Flight Procedure (IFP) changes in relation to aviation safety.	D4
27	Applicant to submit updated Arboricultural Impact Assessment taking account of D3 submission REP3-054.	D4
28	Applicant to provide a response to route through existing gap in the treeline at Bolney.	D4
29	Applicant to consider the significance given to the hedgerow / treeline known locally as the 'green lane' labelled as (W110) in the Outline Code of Construction Practice in Appendix B Vegetation Retention Plans and Pond Retention Plans Figure 7.2.6m [REP3-025] and justification for its removal.	D4
30	Applicant to provide additional information on prior extraction and materials management plan for mitigation in relation to minerals safeguarding.	D4
31	Applicant to provide a response in relation to MMO concerns in respect of compliance with Marine Plan Policies.	D4
32	Clean versions of ES Chapters to be submitted at the close of the Examination where amendments have been made.	D6
33	ExA requested a plan consolidating all tree and hedgerow information (retention and loss) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TPO and Hedgerow Plan [PEPD-007] - Appendix B of the Code of Construction Practice [REP3-025] - The vegetation loss statistics in the technical note on construction access [REP-055] 	D4 or D5

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	<p>be incorporated into a singular document entitled “Vegetation Retention and Removal Plan” which contains all information on tree and hedgerow locations, with a clear table of losses and mitigation/replacement figures for each vegetation type.</p> <p>The ExA requested a new Requirement for the submission of vegetation removal plan which accords with its outline version.</p>	
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DAY 2 – Thursday 16 May 2024

AP	Description	By When
Agenda Item 6 – Seascape, Landscape and Visual		
34	Applicant to reconsider Commitment C-66 of the CR, relevant Requirements 12, 16 and 22, and documents (such as the LEMP), including how the special qualities of the SDNP are clearly addressed.	D4
35	Applicant to supply document regarding design evolution and how the SDNP special qualities have been incorporated, including compensation, in relation to Levelling Up and Regeneration Act.	D4
36	<p>As requested in AP7, Applicant to submit a document specifically addressing SDNPA seascape, landscape and visual concerns explaining the likely effects of the Proposed Development on those features of SDNP in the context of its elevated status and how the purposes of the SDNP, particularly in relation to its function, could be furthered by the Proposed Development by D4.</p> <p>The Applicant may wish to provide an update to REP1-024 to provide a comprehensive, cross-cutting document addressing all relevant matters affecting the SDNP.</p>	D4
37	SDNPA to consider if seascape is reason to refuse the proposals.	D4
Agenda Item 7 – Traffic and Access		
38	Applicant to clarify whether the proposed widening of the western kerb line of Kent Street at its junction with the A272 and 4 passing places are on highways land or private land and within the order limits.	D4
39	Applicant to provide a proposed contingency plan for the repair of the carriageway of Kent Street during construction activities in the case of a carriageway failure.	D4
40	Applicant to confirm the construction details of the proposed passing places on Kent Street, whether they would be removed at the end of construction activities and if so, how the lane would be returned to its former nature and character.	D4
41	Explain how vehicles not related to the Proposed Development turning into Kent Street would be managed in combination with	D4

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	HGVs already dispatched from the Oakendene West Compound to accesses A64 and A61 in the Lane. In addition, confirm the size of vehicles that could pass each other using the proposed passing places.	
42	Applicant to confirm how the safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders along Kent Street would be safely managed.	D4
43	The Applicant to complete and submit a design for access A63 (the proposed substation site).	D5
44	The Applicant to confirm that once hedging and trees have been removed for the widening of Kent Street at its junction with the A272 and construction of the access A63 (the proposed substation site) there would be adequate screening in the short to medium term of the proposed substation.	D4
45	The Applicant to provide a statement comparing the potential impacts of using Kent Street to access A64 and A61 with using haul roads (using temporary bridging where necessary) from access A63 to access the sections of the proposed cable corridor accessed from A64 and A61.	D4
46	The Applicant to provide a note on the impact of the proposed Kent Street traffic management strategy on the overall traffic modelling for the Proposed Development.	D4
47	The Applicant to provide a note on how the proposed works at accesses A64 and A61 would impact the landscape setting.	D4
48	The Applicant to demonstrate using swept path analysis that HGVs would be able to enter and exit accesses A64 and A61 within the proposed Order Limits.	D4
49	The Applicant to confirm whether the 8 proposed passing places located on Michelgrove Lane can be constructed within the proposed Order Limits and are on private or highway land.	D4
50	The Applicant to outline the proposed strategy for maintaining the safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders along Michelgrove Lane during construction activities.	D4
51	The Applicant to consider the potential impact of vibration and other construction and use effects, on the ancient monument located in close proximity to the proposed haul road from access A28 to the proposed cable corridor.	D4
52	The Applicant to consult National Highways on the use of traffic signals at proposed access A28, sharing the assessments undertaken at this location to date.	D4
53	The Applicant to update the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan to reflect the proposed change of use of access A24 to operational only.	D4
54	The Applicant to consider use of access A01 for all operational access requirements in the place of access A04.	D4
55	The Applicant to provide an update on water neutrality and the implications for traffic movements after the meeting with Horsham District Council and Natural England.	D4

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56	The Applicant to update all traffic and access related documents in the Environmental Statement using the latest traffic data and modelling assumptions.	D5
57	The Applicant to submit into the Examination and to provide Cowfold Parish Council with details of turning movements at all junctions and proposed accesses along the A272.	D4
58	The Applicant to provide a response on the traffic movement discrepancies discussed during ISH2 for accesses A62 and A63.	D4
Agenda Item 8 – Onshore Archaeology		
59	The Applicant to submit the Low Carbon Solar Park 6 judgement into the Examination – Also to explain the consequence of the Planning Judgement, with commentary.	D4
60	West Sussex County Council / the Applicant to consider and respond on possible alterations to Requirement 19 and related Commitments, C-79, C-225 with the scope of removing ambiguity in respect to trail trenching. West Sussex to respond to the submitted Written Scheme of Investigation.	D4
61	As requested in AP7 and AP36, Applicant to submit a document specifically addressing SDNPA archaeology concerns explaining the likely effects of the Proposed Development on those features of SDNP in the context of its elevated status and how the purposes of the SDNP, particularly in relation to its ecological function, would be furthered by the Proposed Development by D4. The Applicant may wish provide an update to REP1-024 to provide a comprehensive, cross-cutting document addressing all relevant matters affecting the SDNP.	D4
Agenda Item 9 – Draft DCO		
62	SDNPA to review its comments on the adequacy of Articles 5, 33, 34, 44 and 55 in light of more recent documents submitted into Examination and whether these are best sought in the Requirements.	D4
63	Applicant to consider Commitment in the CR to monitor operation noise of the extension to the National Grid (Work No.20) Bolney substation.	D4
64	Applicant to consider amendments to Requirement 33, as requested by Horsham District Council, relating to Skills and Employment Strategy.	D4
65	Applicant to consider committing to a liaison officer and to provide an Outline Construction Communication Plan into Examination (Requirement 34)	D4