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This submission is additional to those I have made earlier and which I ask the Inspectorate to continue to consider as I am unaware that any of the concerns raised have been satisfactorily resolved.

The lack of any acceptable plan for the management of Kent Street continues to be of enormous concern. Rampions last proposal continues to fall well short of satisfactory;

There is no assessment of whether the unsuitable for heavy traffic road and bridge can actually withstand the proposed traffic.

The plan to create passing places needs to consider the requirements of vehicles other than just Rampions e.g. farm vehicles and machinery, horseboxes. There is no indication that Rampion are aware of this need. Furthermore this will just increase the destruction and already identified environmental damage – yet more trees and hedgerows!

There is no plan offered to manage vehicles turning in and out of Kent St. This may well cause huge destruction of the verges and banks to allow sufficient turning space. Will this mean roadworks on the A272? Should this not be the responsibility of the Highways Authority? Surely a 3rd party can't just remodel publicly owned infrastructure? Homeowners have to get approval just to drop the kerb to allow parking!

There is STILL no Rampion submitted traffic survey.

There is no sign of Rampion having any grasp on the 'life' of Kent Street – who uses it - for instance pedestrians, dog walker, ramblers, equestrians, cyclists. What will be the impact for them? This should include a careful analysis of the likely effects on the horses who live in Kent Street – they are nervous animals and can be dangerous when spooked. Rampions proposal to use banksmen and reduce the speed limit on the A272 will only serve to worsen an already grim future for Cowfold. Surely the Highways Authority have a part to play in ensuring traffic flow on an A road is maintained. How can a third party be allowed to disrupt the journeys of road users and the life of the village at their own say so? Rampion have always taken the view they have no control over their contractors! I was told this personally at their open day in the village!

I understand the Cowfold v Rampion funded ecological survey has found Rampion have failed to understand the ecological significance of the area, particularly the areas they failed to include as they 'failed to pique their interest'. They classified high quality meadows containing many orchids as 'farmed land' and the subsequent survey unearthed concerns from landowners over the that done by Rampions. This must surely cast into doubt all their surveys. Over and over again Rampions plans fail to survive any detailed analysis.

Finally – Horsham District Council has approved a planning application for a solar farm on the other side of Cowfold and this is currently under appeal. I fully understand that this not part of the Inspectorate's brief but am very concerned that this is yet more pressure on the A272 and life in Cowfold and ask the Inspectorate to be mindful of this where possible. Thank you.