



MOSCA: Middleton on Sea Coastal Alliance
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We respectfully submit MOSCA's views on 3 of the questions asked by the ExA of Natural England after recent Hearings May 15 – 16 2024

Q6d-1

MOSCA agrees and endorses the assertion of the South Downs National Park Authority that harm Special Qualities is significant and undermines the statutory purpose of the South Downs National Park. It is clear such a proposal does not end with the instigation of the work and destructive nature of its ongoing construction but continues for some years to come in the upheaval, scarring and changes to the landscape itself, as well as in the final outcome of view both towards and from the SDNP which has to be seen as a significant 'harm' to the Special Qualities which would change the future usage and enjoyment of the ethos of what the Park represents.

Q6d-2

Natural England's view must be respected as the overarching power that governs organisations such as the South Downs National Park and we would be surprised should this view be changed given the circumstances. We agree absolutely with the previous statement by Natural England. In our view - either we have a serious policy on nature and how it is preserved for the environment, people and the natural inhabitants - or we do not and risk a serious loss to our National protected natural areas for the future.

Q6e-1, Seascape Effects

Natural England's contention is that the Seascape effects alone **should** result in the recommendation to withhold the DCO. Given the flaws in both the Applicant's need case and alternative case surely the residual visual impacts are the basis for refusing consent as Rampion 2 constitutes a clear breach of UK Commitments under the European Landscape Convention as interpreted by the OESEA Strategic Environmental Assessment (OESEA) process reinforced by aligned UK policy and law including the MPS (2021) and the LURA (2023)

Rampion 2 is a clear violation of NPS policy on sustainable development as defined in UK Planning Act and elaborated in the NPPF and NPS - as in previous PCS representation. Net gains and interdependent balance across social, economic and

environmental dimensions where Rampion 2 dramatically fails to deliver sustainable development for current and future generations.

We hope that our comments are taken in the spirit of protecting the natural environment that we and Government seek to respect, and the future not just of the South Downs National Park and its statutory purpose but also to conserve natural surroundings including views in line with the Natural England ethos so the future character of the area is not taken for granted or compromised.

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