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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Commonality for the Statements of Common Ground ('Statement of Commonality') has been prepared on behalf of Rampion Extension Development Ltd (RED) (hereafter referred to as 'the Applicant').
- 1.1.2 Rampion Extension Development Limited (hereafter referred to as 'RED') (the 'Applicant') is developing the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Project ('Rampion 2') located adjacent to the existing Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Project ('Rampion 1') in the English Channel.
- 1.1.3 Rampion 2 will be located between 13km and 26km from the Sussex Coast in the English Channel and the offshore array area will occupy an area of approximately 160km². A detailed description of the Proposed Development is set out in **Chapter 4: The Proposed Development, Volume 2** of the **Environmental Statement (ES)**, submitted with the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application.
- 1.1.4 Further detail regarding the onshore and offshore aspects of the Proposed Development are provided within **Chapters 6 to 29, Volume 2**, of the **ES**.

1.2 Purpose of this Document

- 1.2.1 This Statement of Commonality has been prepared at the request of the Examining Authority in the Rule 6 Letter dated 14 December 2023 (**PD-006**). As requested, it uses a traffic light system to summarise the status of the various matters that are covered in the Statement of Common Grounds (SoCGs) as follows (this colour-coding is not the same as in the SoCGs):

	All matters agreed
	Some matters agreed / some matters under discussion
	All matters under discussion
	Some matters under discussion / some matters not agreed
	All matters not agreed
	Some matters agreed, some matters not agreed
	Some matters agreed, some matters not agreed, some matters under discussion

- 1.2.2 Within **Table 1-2**, a 'X' denotes a change in status of an issue from Deadline 2 raised by a stakeholder. Please refer to the Statement of Commonality (**REP2-012**) submitted at Deadline 2, to cross-refer all changes.
- 1.2.3 This Statement of Commonality is intended to act as a summary of the progress of the various SoCGs. However, the SoCGs remain the primary record of the status

of discussion the various issues that they address. It should be noted that where a broad topic applies to more than one SoCG party the detailed matters discussed within that topic may not be directly comparable or related.

- 1.2.4 The issues outlined in this document have primarily been taken from the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statements issued by the stakeholders, along with additional issues raised in the Relevant Representations submissions as well as other submissions made to the examination at subsequent deadlines.

1.3 List of Meetings Since Deadline 2

- 1.3.1 Below is a list of all the meetings that have taken place with stakeholders since the issue of the previous version of the Statement of Commonality that was submitted at Deadline 2 (REP2-012):

- Arun District Council:
 - ▶ 19/04/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting - Socio-Economics
- Environment Agency:
 - ▶ 20/05/24 – Page-Turn Meeting
- Horsham District Council:
 - ▶ 18/04/24 – Expert to Expert Meeting – Biodiversity Net Gain
 - ▶ 30/04/24 – Expert to Expert Meeting – Flood Risk
 - ▶ 30/04/24 – Expert to Expert Meeting – Water Neutrality
- Natural England:
 - ▶ 25/04/24 – Expert to Expert Meeting – Biodiversity Net Gain
 - ▶ 20/05/24- Co-ordination meeting
 - ▶ 22/05/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting – Terrestrial Ecology
- South Downs National Park Authority:
 - ▶ 28/03/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting - SLVIA/LVIA
 - ▶ 17/04/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting – Biodiversity Net Gain
 - ▶ 02/05/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting – South Downs National Park Special Qualities
 - ▶ 31/05/24 – Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Meeting with South Downs National Park Authority- Draft Revision D
- West Sussex County Council:
 - ▶ 17/04/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting - Socio-Economics
 - ▶ 23/03/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting – Minerals Resource Assessment
 - ▶ 30/04/24 - Expert to Expert Meeting - Flood Risk

- ▶ 30/05/24 – Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Meeting with West Sussex County Council- Draft Revision D

1.4 List of Statements of Common Ground

1.4.1 **Table 1-1**, below, lists the other parties that the Applicant is progressing a SoCG with. This list is the same as the one provided by the Examining Authority in the Rule 9 Letter **[PD-005]** other than that the Applicant is now progressing SoCG with Aquind Ltd and NATS.

Table 1-1 List of Statements of Common Ground

Document Reference	Other Party to the Statement of Common Ground	Status
8.1	Arun District Council	Fourth Draft submitted for review and comment 18/04/24. Comments provided 30/05/24. Second Page turn offered to stakeholder
8.2	Horsham District Council	Fourth Draft submitted for review and comment 25/04/24. Comments Provided 28/05/24. Second Page turn offered to stakeholder
8.3	Mid Sussex District Council	Fourth Draft submitted for review and comment 18/04/24. Second Page turn offered to stakeholder
8.4	South Downs National Park Authority	Fourth Draft submitted for review and comment 28/05/24. Second Page Turn conducted on 31/05/24 and comments provided conducted
8.5	West Sussex County Council	Fourth Draft submitted for review and comment. Second Page Turn conducted on 30/05/24 and comments provided conducted
8.6	Environment Agency	Fourth Draft submitted for review 09/05/24
8.7	Historic England	Third Draft submitted for review 19/04/24
8.8	Natural England	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/2024 and comments provided
8.9	National Highways	First Draft issued and comments provided

Document Reference	Other Party to the Statement of Common Ground	Status
8.10	Civil Aviation Authority	First Draft issued, no response from stakeholder
8.11	Shoreham Airport	2nd Draft Submitted for review (09/05/24)
8.12	Marine Management Organisation	First Page Turn conducted 01/03/2024 and comments provided
8.13	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	First Page Turn conducted 21/02/2024 and comments provided
8.14	Trinity House	First Page Turn conducted 21/02/2024 and comments provided
8.15	UK Chamber of Shipping	2nd Draft Submitted for review (09/05/24)
8.16	Marine Aggregates	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/2024 and comments provided
8.17	Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	First Page Turn conducted 19/02/2024 and comments provided
8.19	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Draft issued
8.20	AQUIND Ltd	First Page Turn conducted 15/02/24 and comments provided
8.26	NATS	First Page Turn conducted 23/02/24 and comments provided

1.4.2 **Table 1-2** provides a summary of principal issues covered in the SoCGs and demonstrates where there is commonality in the topics or matters.

Table 1-2 Status of Statements of Common Ground

Ref	Party	Alternatives	Coastal Processes	Other Marine Users	Fish/Shellfish Ecology	Benthic/Subtidal/Intertidal Ecology	Marine Mammals	Offshore and Intertidal Ornithology	Shipping and Navigation	Civil and Military Aviation	Seascape, Landscape and Visual Impact	Marine Archaeology	Socio Economics	Landscape and Visual Impact	Air Quality	Noise and Vibration	Terrestrial Ecology/Nature Conservation	Transport	Ground Conditions	Historic Environment	Water Environment	Habitats Regulations Assessment	Public Health	Principle of Development	DCO and Securing Mechanisms
8.1	Arun District Council	X									X		X			X	X	X		X	X				X
8.2	Horsham District Council														X	X					X		X		
8.3	Mid Sussex District Council															X									
8.4	South Downs National Park Authority	X																		X					
8.5	West Sussex County Council										X		X	X				X		X	X				
8.6	Environment Agency		X			X													X		X				

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8.7	Historic England																			X					
8.8	Natural England ^{1 2}		X		X		X				X			X			X				X	X			X
8.9	National Highways																X								X
8.10	Civil Aviation Authority									X															
8.11	Shoreham Airport																								

¹ Natural England has confirmed in its Response to the Rule 6 Letter that it will submit its own Risk and Issues log to sit beside the Applicants SoCG and Statement of Commonality of SoCGs. The updated Risk and Issues log will be provided at all Deadlines (1-6) by Natural England. The Applicant has updated the initial SoCG status in line with their submitted ratings as part of their Deadline 3 submissions, and seeks mutual agreement with Natural England on what is to be reported in the Statement of Commonality for future deadlines.

² Natural England requested that it be shown where the assessment methodology and baseline data has been agreed separately to the topic. The solid green circles shown in table 1-2 represent where the methodology has been agreed.

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