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11th June, 2024.

INTERESTED PARTY NUMBER 20042904

Dear Sirs,

RAMPION 2 OFFSHORE WIND FARM WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF TIM FACER OF CRATEMANS FARM.

We refer to the site inspection of our client's above property by the Examination panel on 14th May.

During that inspection, we sought to draw the panel's attention to the nature and species mix of the grassland on the property, and how it differed from that recorded by the applicant in their DCO submissions, in particular in their submission APP-181 6.4.22.3 Extended Phase 1 habitat survey report.

After the inspection, our client received the attached Preliminary Ecological Appraisal for their property dated 29th May 2024 undertaken by Arborweald and based in particular on their survey of our client's property on 24th May 2024. For ease of reference we also attach page 55 of the Extended phase 1 habitat survey report, being the section of map which covers Crateman's Farm to which Arborweald refer in their report.

We request that the panel's attention is drawn to this report, because it confirms that the applicant's submitted habitat survey is misleading in important areas, as it significantly understates the biodiversity and ecological importance of the site.

Specifically, we draw your attention to the following sections from the Arborweald report:-

- 4.16, 4.17 and 4.18 which set out the shortcomings of the applicant's report. Our client confirms that the only ecological survey undertaken by the applicant of which he was aware was a very brief one from the public footpath adjoining the affected land, from where it would not be possible to accurately assess the species mix in, and nature of, the pasture within the property
- 5.1, 5.3, 5.7

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Whilst we appreciate that this is a late submission which may not fit into the stated examination timetable, we request that you do take it into account given that the Arborweald report has only just been produced and received by our client and thus we were not able to make detailed representations on the species mix within the grassland on his property before now.

Yours faithfully,

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