

I am writing to express my deep concern and objection to the planning permission for the proposed Rampion 2 Electrical Power Step Down Station in the vicinity of my property. As a local business owner and resident directly affected by this development, I believe it is essential to raise awareness of the severe consequences it will have on my business and personal life.

I am the proprietor of A Place In The Garden, a thriving business that encompasses an office and warehouse located in close proximity to the proposed site. The intended construction work and subsequent operation of the power station are predicted to cause significant disruptions, which will detrimentally impact my business for an estimated period of seven years. The repercussions of this development will encompass a wide range of critical aspects, outlined as follows:

Customer Experience: The A272 is already a busy road and the increased noise, traffic, and potential safety hazards associated with the construction and operation of the power station will undoubtedly discourage customers from visiting my establishment. The negative impact on footfall and reduced accessibility will harm my business's reputation and ultimately lead to a decline in customer engagement.

Deliveries: The proposed power station will inevitably disrupt the transportation routes in the area, making it challenging for delivery vehicles to reach my premises promptly. Delays in receiving essential supplies and materials will have a cascading effect on my ability to meet client demands and fulfill orders in a timely manner, thus jeopardizing crucial business relationships.

Staff Welfare: The wellbeing and job satisfaction of my employees are of utmost importance to me. Unfortunately, the construction noise, increased congestion, and potential health risks associated with the power station will create an unfavorable working environment for my staff members. The resulting stress and discomfort will not only diminish their morale and productivity but may also lead to increased absenteeism and employee turnover.

Financial Implications: The proposed power station's adverse effects will undoubtedly result in a significant loss of revenue for my business. Reduced footfall, delivery challenges, and a diminished ability to attract new customers will directly impact the financial viability of A Place In The Garden. It is disheartening to anticipate such a detrimental financial setback, potentially threatening the livelihoods of my employees and myself.

Furthermore, as a resident living directly opposite the intended building site, I am deeply concerned about the potential depreciation of property values. The presence of a power station in such proximity is likely to deter potential buyers, leading to a substantial reduction in the market value of my property. This decline in property value would be a severe personal and financial setback, as I had envisioned my property to be a long-term investment and source of security. Given the significant negative impact this project will have on my business, employees, and personal life, I kindly request that you reconsider granting planning permission for the Rampion 2 Electrical Power Step Down Station. I urge the planning department to thoroughly review the potential consequences and explore alternative locations that would minimize the disruption to local businesses and residents.

I understand the importance of a reliable power supply for the community, and I appreciate the efforts to meet increasing energy demands sustainably. However, I firmly believe that a thorough reassessment of the proposed site selection is necessary to ensure the equitable distribution of any potential adverse effects.

I am more than willing to participate in any further discussions or provide additional information to support my objection to the planning permission. Please let me know of any upcoming public meetings or avenues for sharing my concerns in a more direct manner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the implications outlined in this letter and take the necessary steps to safeguard the interests of local businesses and residents.