

I still have very grave concerns regarding the huge impact the very large number of HGVs and other construction vehicles are going to have on Kent Street. As I have stated before Kent Street is a narrow single track country lane and totally unsuitable for large volumes of HGV traffic. Several years ago contractors [REDACTED] dug a trench along the entire length of Kent Street to bury a cable for the National Grid. They described Kent Street as a type 4 road with weak foundations which can be easily damaged by heavy vehicles. This is very apparent by the damage done by day to day traffic at the moment. A ten metre long stretch of Kent Street between Kings Barn Farm and Wilcocks Farm had to be repaired recently as half of the road had completely subsidised and the whole centre of the road was breaking up. Kent Street is also badly subsidising and a large pothole forming outside Buffords at the Southern end of the street. Kent Street is totally unsuitable as an access route for Rampion 2 transformer and cable workings and for this reason this planning application in its present form should be refused.

There seems to be little concern on the impact Rampion 2 is going to have on the many businesses in the Oakendean Industrial Site. Access is going to be very restricted. I myself have my car serviced and MOTd there and then use the local footpaths to walk back to my house in Kent Street. The same footpaths which are going to be closed by Rampion 2 during their lengthy construction period. Most of the people I have spoken to at the Industrial Estate say they had little or no contact with Rampion, this need to be addressed.