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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 4 raised by a stakeholder. Please refer to the Statement of Commonality (**REP4-012**) submitted at Deadline 4, 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.
- 1.2.5 The Applicant has agreed with stakeholders that the submitted SoCGs which underpin this document are up to date as Deadline 5. While the status of matters have been finalised as far as possible, some matters are still under discussion. With relevant materials being submitted into Examination at Deadline 5, the Statement of Commonality will be submitted again at Deadline 6.

1.3 List of Meetings

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 submitted at Deadline 4 (REP4-059):

- AQUIND
- 06/06/2024 - Further legal discussions between both parties pertained to specific clauses within the co-operation agreement, specifically Proximity and Crossing Agreements.
- 12/06/2024 - Call outlining outstanding issues of the Cooperation Agreement between both parties.
- 27/06/2024 - Technical team call to understand the project specific challenges regarding the separation zone and resulting proximity agreement.
- Horsham District Council (HDC)
 - 05/06/2024 – Rampion 2 SoCG Page Turn with HDC- Revision D
 - 25/06/2024 – Rampion 2 SoCG Final Page Turn with HDC- Revision E
 - 25/06/2024 – Landscape Visual Impact Assessment Expert to Expert Meeting
- Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
 - 24/06/2024 – Expert to Expert Noise Meeting
 - 04/07/2024 – Rampion 2 Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Meeting with MMO- Draft B
- National Air Traffic Systems
 - May – June 2024 Ongoing discussions with RWE legal representation and JMW (NATS legal representative) on the development and implementation of large radar blanking solution for Pease Pottage.
- National Grid Electricity Transmission

- 01/07/24 Bolney Station Land agreement meeting to be attended by NGET and RED team.
- Natural England
 - 11/06/2024 – Rampion 2 Co-Ordination Meeting (Deadline 5)
 - 28/06/2024 – Terrestrial Ecology Expert to Expert Meeting
 - 28/06/2024 – Underwater Noise Expert to Expert Meeting
 - 02/07/2024 – Page Turn Meeting
- South Downs National Park Authority
 - 26/06/2024 – Rampion 2 Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Meeting and Section 106 discussion- Rev F
- Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (SxIFCA)
 - 02/07/2024 – Rampion 2 SoCG Page Turn Review with SxIFCA- Draft Revision B
- Trinity House
 - 11/06/2024 - Trinity House response via email confirming agreement to the drafting the DCO/DMLs, with minor requested changes.
- West Sussex County Council
 - 25/06/24 –Landscape Visual Impact Assessment and Noise Expert to Expert Meeting
 - 26/06/24 –Terrestrial Ecology Expert to Expert Meeting
 - 27/06/24 – Statement of Common Ground Page Turn Meeting to discuss Rev E and address outstanding concerns and close out ongoing points of discussion
 - 02/07/24 –Transport Expert to Expert Meeting

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	Final Version Signed 08/07/24 – submitted at Deadline 5
8.2	Horsham District Council	Sixth Draft submitted at Deadline 5..
8.3	Mid Sussex District Council	Final Version Signed 08/07/24 – submitted at Deadline 5.
8.4	South Downs National Park Authority	Sixth Draft submitted at Deadline 5.
8.5	West Sussex County Council	Eighth Draft submitted for Deadline 5.
8.6	Environment Agency	Final Version Signed 03/06/24 – submitted at Deadline 5.
8.7	Historic England	Final Version Signed 09/07/24 – submitted at Deadline 5.
8.8	Natural England	Fifth Draft submitted at Deadline 5
8.9	National Highways	Fourth Draft submitted at Deadline 5.
8.10	Civil Aviation Authority	First Draft issued, no response from stakeholder
8.11	Shoreham Airport	Final Version Signed 05/07/24 – submitted at Deadline 5.
8.12	Marine Management Organisation	Fifth draft submitted at Deadline 5
8.13	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Fourth Draft submitted at Deadline 5.
8.14	Trinity House	Final Version Signed 08/07/24 – submitted at Deadline 5.
8.15	UK Chamber of Shipping	Final Version Signed 07/07/24- submitted at Deadline 5.
8.16	Marine Aggregates	Final Version Signed 06/06/24- submitted at Deadline 5.
8.17	Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	Third Draft Submitted at Deadline 5

Document Reference	Other Party to the Statement of Common Ground	Status
8.19	National Grid Electricity Transmission	Fourth Draft submitted at Deadline 5
8.20	AQUIND Ltd	Fourth Draft submitted at Deadline 5
8.26	NATS	Final Version Signed 09/07/24- submitted at Deadline 5.

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
8.2	Horsham District Council													X	X	X		X							
8.3	Mid Sussex District Council																X			X					
8.4	South Downs National Park Authority	X											X	X			X	X		X				X	
8.5	West Sussex County Council												X	X		X							X		X
8.6	Environment Agency																								

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8.7	Historic England																			X					
8.8	Natural England ^{1 2}		X ●		X ●	X ●	X ●	X ●			X ●			X			X				X	X ●		X	X
8.9	National Highways																								
8.10	Civil Aviation Authority ³									X															
8.11	Shoreham Airport									X															

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.

³ The Civil Aviation Authority were contacted on 13/09/2023 for their thoughts on the topic areas, however they have been unresponsive. Additional emails have been sent on 14/09/2024, 21/09/2023, 06/02/2024 and 13/06/2024, please see Appendix A. It has been assumed given the lack of response that the Civil Aviation Authority have no objections or concerns to the scheme.

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8.12	The Marine Management Organisation		X			X	X																	X	
8.13	Maritime and Coastguard Agency								X																X
8.14	Trinity House								X																X
8.15	UK Chamber of Shipping			X					X																
8.16	Marine Aggregates																								
8.17	Sussex Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority																							X	x

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8.19	National Grid Electricity Transmission																								X
8.20	AQUIND Ltd																						X	X	
8.26	NATS																								

Appendix A – Correspondence with the Civil Aviation Authority

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From: Milititsky, Maria da Assuncao
Sent: 14 September 2023 09:25
To: enquiries@caa.co.uk
Subject: Rampion 2 statement of common ground template
Attachments: Rampion 2 SoCG_Template V1.0_GENERAL.docx

To the Civil Aviation Authority,

On behalf of the offshore wind farm project Rampion 2, I am glad to share with the Civil Aviation Authority the news that Rampion 2 application has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. Following acceptance and in preparation for examination, we would like to share with you a template we have drafted for the statements of common ground (SoCG) we are to progress with relevant stakeholders. We would like to have your views on the attached template, ideally by **COB 22nd of September**.

Once we finalise the template and following the relevant representations period we will populate each SoCG with the relevant information and progress the development of each SoCG in collaboration with the respective stakeholder.

All Rampion 2 application documents are now available on the Planning Inspectorate website using the following link [Documents | Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](https://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/Documents/Rampion2OffshoreWindFarm).

Please let me know if I should be using an alternative contact email for such matters otherwise looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Maria

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From: Milititsky, Maria da Assuncao
Sent: 21 September 2023 08:49
To: [REDACTED]; enquiries@caa.co.uk
Subject: Rampion 2 relevant representations period

Dear Barry and Civil Aviation Authority,

Our section 56 notices have been going out this week announcing our relevant representations period running from 20 September to 4 November. All of our application documents have been published on [Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm | National Infrastructure Planning \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#), and PINS have also created a library to aid navigation [EN010117-000419-Rampion 2 Exam Library.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#).

We thought it would be useful to arrange a quick call next month, once you've had a chance to review the application documents. We are keen to signpost information within the documents, or answer queries arising, so that your representations to PINS can be focussed on the main issues. We could also use the call to arrange further bilateral engagement on identified topics if needed. We also thought it would be helpful to address jointly CAA and Brighton City Airport but it can be arranged separately as well.

If you find this would be useful could you let us know your team's availability on 17 and 18 October, so that we can schedule a 45 min call.

Kind regards,

Maria

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From: Milititsky, Maria da Assuncao
Sent: 06 February 2024 12:49
To: 'enquiries@caa.co.uk'
Cc: Lomas, Ellie; Carney, Matt
Subject: FW: Draft Statement of Common Ground with Rampion 2
Attachments: Rampion 2 SoCG CAA Rev A 18.01.24.docx; Rampion 2 SoCG CAA Rev A 18.01.24.pdf; 8.21 Rampion 2 Statement of Commonality for Statements of Common Ground Rev A.pdf

Good afternoon,

Are you and/or colleagues available to meet after the hearings to progress the SoCG? We've suggested w/c 12 Feb below, so please let me know if you have availability that week and when might suit you best. (A couple of options would be very helpful please).

The purpose of the meeting will be to do a page turn of the SOCG to check that we have captured your Relevant Reps and that we have understood your issues correctly. The SOCG status ratings for each item need a check between us too – as these are what has fed into the Statement of Commonality – and we are open to amending them and reissuing to PINs for deadline 1.

We can answer any initial queries you may have to our responses as well, and are open to arranging expert to expert discussions which may ultimately be needed to take them forward.

We can also discuss if there are any points to also capture from the hearing as an update to the SOCG.

Kind regards,

Maria

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From: Milititsky, Maria da Assuncao
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2024 7:06 PM

To: enquiries@caa.co.uk

Cc: Lomas, Ellie <[redacted]>; Carney, Matt <[redacted]>; Matthew Burling <[redacted]>

Subject: Draft Statement of Common Ground with Rampion 2

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the first version of the Statement of Common Ground Rampion 2 would like to progress with CAA. Although CAA has not raise any objection or concerns to date we would like to progress a Statement of Common Ground as to inform the Examining Authority of the current status, even if just to confirm CAA has no concerns with the project.

We welcome your review and comments – please use tracked changes and comment boxes if possible. In the first instance, please confirm that the opening positions we have captured are a true reflection of your current position.

The way we are working with other stakeholders is to work through the issues to seek to resolve as many of them as possible during the course of the examination, and to facilitate that we would like to facilitate expert to expert discussions as and when needed, and will convene a SOCG page-turn meeting ahead of each of the PINs deadlines to see if the positions on either side can be amended until hopefully all matters are closed.

We will issue calendar invitations for the page turns shortly to secure time for our discussions. We will seek to find a time in the broad windows below that work for you:

PINS Deadline 1	20 th of February	Call: week commencing 12 th February
PINS Deadline 2	29 th of February	No call needed prior to this deadline for you to submit written representations. However, you can use the SOCG from the 20 th Feb to inform your position.
PINS Deadline 3	15 th of March	Call: week commencing 26 th of Feb/4 th of March
PINS Deadline 4	18 th of April	Call: between 25 th March and 11 th of April (flexibility to find a date around Easter)
PINS Deadline 5	3 rd of June	Call: week commencing 6 th /13 th of May.
PINS Deadline 6	9 th of July	Call: week commencing 10 th /24 th June

For reference the full PINS timetable is available here in the PINs Rule 6 letter: [EN010117-000494-Rampion 2 Rule 6 Letter.pdf \(planninginspectorate.gov.uk\)](#).

PINs have not requested submission of the Statements of Common Ground at this stage – and only formally request a submission at the final deadline 6. Instead PINs have requested a high level tracker – called the Statement of Commonality - which you can also find in attachment. We have been working to a tight deadline to produce this and while we have submitted it to PINs to meet their Procedural Deadline A of the 16th January; we would like to ensure you agree with the status reported and will submit any amendments we agree between us for Deadline 1 – the 20th of February.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Maria

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From: Davies, Tomos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 13 June 2024 13:19
To: enquiries@caa.co.uk
Cc: Matt Burling; Lomas, Ellie; Milititsky, Maria da Assuncao
Subject: CAA - Request for Response on Rampion 2 Application Documents
Attachments: Draft Statement of Common Ground with Rampion 2 (2.48 MB); Rampion 2 statement of common ground template (1.64 MB); FW: Draft Statement of Common Ground with Rampion 2 (2.49 MB)

Dear Civil Aviation Authority,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you that all application documents pertaining to the Rampion 2 project are now accessible on the Planning Inspectorate website. You can find these documents under the following link: "[Documents | Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm](#)" on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

We have yet to receive any communication or response from the CAA regarding the "Statements of Common Ground" document, which is due for submission at Deadline 5 (July 9th). For your convenience, I have attached our previous communications sent to the CAA for your reference.

If there is an alternative email address that we should be using for such matters, kindly inform us. Otherwise, we look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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