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These are my objections to Rampion 2:-

## **CONSULTATION**

- I don't believe Cowfold Residents have been consulted properly on the impact of the Rampion proposal and I'm not convinced Rampion themselves fully understand the impact this will have.
- Various Rampion representatives answered my questions at the village hall exhibition but as I told them, they are meaningless words, anyone could stand there making promises and tell me I haven't got anything to worry about.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- The environmental impact (noise, light pollution, dust, traffic fumes) and destruction of wildlife habitat, hedgerows and nature is irreversible. I feel very strongly that we are guardians of the countryside and we must protect it.
- Once lost these green spaces can't be replaced and how do you measure the impact of their loss on the physical and mental health of the people that use them.
- Cowfold is an Air Quality Management Area and already suffers from extremely poor air quality and the additional traffic during construction is going to make this even worse. The community will be affected by noise, light pollution, dust and traffic fumes. All negatively impacting the elderly and those with breathing difficulties.

The wildlife corridors from the A281 to A272 which will be disrupted by the cable route and substation construction.

## **VISIBILITY**

- I don't think the visibility of this huge substation has been fully assessed. This is a beautiful area enjoyed by locals walking, jogging, riding etc. It is going to be very noticeable not just locally from the public right of way to the east of Kent Street, where the ground rises up and it will be even more visible to people who come to enjoy the view but also from The South Downs National Park.
- Visual impacts from A272 at the substation entrance and the huge western compound near the industrial estate on Kent Street and the huge visibility splay onto the A272 with the removal of hedges and trees which will alter the rural feel coming into the village permanently.

## **TRAFFIC**

- The additional traffic turning into and out of the site is going to add to the congestion, queues and tailbacks on the A272, which is already a problem. I believe this is going to impact local businesses, potentially increasing the number of accidents (already a problem on the A272) and impede emergency services responding in the local area.

- At the Rampion exhibition in the village hall I was told HGVs wouldn't come through the village but they couldn't confirm how they were going to monitor and/or police this. I can't see how they can control the route taken by third party contractors.

- Vehicles are being identified as LGVs and HGVs but we need clarification on the size of these vehicles. Even LGVs are large vehicles which still pollute and cause environmental impact.

## **KENT STREET**

- Kent Street has width restriction signs which suggests it is not suitable for HGVs. I'm assuming except for access relates to the existing properties and this lane has never been intended to be used by large vehicles.

- I believe the original 2020 scoping report identifies Kent Street as a single track lane unsuitable for HGVs. How can they report this and then decide it's the right place for the cable and substation?

- Has a Traffic Impact Assessment for Kent Street been done? Do we know the real impact this will have on these small country lanes and those people who live along them?

Kind regards

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