

# Rampion 2 Wind Farm Category 8: Examination Documents

Targeted Affected Parties Consultation report

Date: July 2024

**Revision A** 



#### **Document revisions**

Revision	Date	Status/reason for issue	Author	Checked by	Approved by
A	19/07/2024	Change Request	RED	RED	RED

## 1. Targeted Affected Parties consultation report

#### 1.1 Executive Summary

- This report describes the consultation held between Rampion Extension Development Ltd (RED) (the Applicant) and the host local planning authorities and a number of Affected Parties, which was carried out from 28 June to 12 July 2024. The Applicant consulted on eight non-material changes to the proposed Rampion 2 project (the Project) via the Notification of Proposed Changes [AS-020].
- The purpose of the consultation was to enable relevant host local planning authorities and Affected Parties to provide comments on the proposals before the Applicant could finalise and submit a formal change request to the Examining Authority, as part of the ongoing Examination of the Applicant's application for development consent to build the Project.
- The Applicant consulted 11 category 1 and 40 category 2 Affected Parties in respect of the eight changes. All parties were provided with information on the proposed change or changes that affected their land interest and instructions about how to provide feedback.
- Seven responses were submitted during the consultation period, and the Applicant has taken into consideration the issues they contained, as described in section 7 of this report. The Applicant has decided to progress the proposals put forward during the consultation and is grateful for the feedback that helped to inform these decisions.

#### 1.2 Introduction

This report describes the consultation held between Rampion Extension Development Ltd (RED) (the Applicant) and the host local planning authorities and a number of Affected Parties, which was carried out from 28 June to 12 July 2024 for Category 1 Affected Parties and 1 July to 12 July for Category 2 Affected Parties. The Applicant consulted on eight non-material changes to the proposed Rampion 2 (the Project) via the Notification of Proposed Changes report [AS-020].

#### The changes relate to:

- **A.** Ancient Woodland near Bolney substation
- B. Ancient Woodland at Taintfield Wood
- C. Ancient Woodland at Sweethill Farm
- **D.** Ancient Woodland near Michelgrove
- E. Ancleggan
- **F.** Ancient Woodland near Decoy Lane
- G. Sullington Hill trenchless crossing, further to CA Hearing 1
- H. Vicinity of the Bolney substation
- 1.2.2 For the purposes of this consultation, an Affected Party is an individual or organisation occupying or having a legal interest in land that would be affected by the proposed changes, including parties who may be entitled to make a relevant claim for compensation as a result of them. This includes all persons within one or more of the categories set out in section 44 of the Planning Act 2008. The host local planning authorities are those with jurisdiction over the area in which the change is located. The distribution of the changes meant that all four planning authorities, plus the county council, were consulted.
- This section explains the purpose of the consultation and how it was carried out, while section 7 summarises the responses received and the Applicant's responses to those issues. **Appendix A** of this report includes copies of documents relevant to the consultation, such as a copy of the notification letter, and copies of all consultation responses. The responses are provided in accordance with the requirements of Advice Note Sixteen: Requests to change applications after they have been accepted for examination (version 3) (Planning Inspectorate, March 2023).

#### 1.3 Purpose of the consultation

- The Applicant carried out a targeted consultation in order to provide local planning authorities and all parties with an interest in the land plots affected by the changes described in Section 2 with an opportunity to provide comments. This enabled the Applicant to review and potentially act on any feedback received, in advance of the submission of the formal change request to the Examining Authority (ExA).
- The proposed scope of consultation activities and procedure for requesting the changes was set out on 27 June 2024 in the Notification of Proposed Changes [AS-020]. The ExA's procedural decision of 8 July 2024 [PD-015], confirmed that it was satisfied that the proposed procedure complies with Advice Note Sixteen. The ExA noted that additional information on change H was required along with a letter of support from NGET.
- The Applicant sent notification letters and emails to local planning authorities and Affected Parties, explaining the changes that would affect the land in which they have an interest.

#### 1.4 Consultation schedule

- The consultation took place from and including 28 June to 12 July 2024 for Category 1 parties for whom the Applicant had the email addresses. Letters were issued to Affected Parties with Category 2 interests on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. The closing date and time of 12 July 2024 was publicised in the emails and letters sent to those Affected Parties impacted by the proposed changes.
- The consultation period between 11 to14 days was considered proportionate and appropriate given the non-material nature of the changes proposed. By the close of consultation, the Applicant received seven responses in total.

#### 1.5 Whom the Applicant consulted

The Applicant consulted host local planning authorities and all Affected Parties affected by the proposed eight changes as identified in the table below:

		Category 1			Category 2
Ref:	Plot Number	Freeholder	Leaseholder	Occupiers	
A	34/16	Brenda Alison O'Rourke		Brenda Alison O'Rourke	West Sussex County Council
		John Patrick O'Rourke		John Patrick O'Rourke	WP Grid Services 13 Limited
				National Grid Electricity	Andrew John Spearing
				Transmission plc	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
					Rampion Offshore Wind Limited
					Stephanie Kate Spearing
В	33/1	Alexander George Brocas	Oakendene Estates Limited	Oakendene Estates Limited	West Sussex County Council

		Category 1		Category 2
		Langlands Pearse  Dinah Mary Burrows  Henry Pugh	UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	Charles Peregrine Brocas Langlands Pearse  Jennifer Prudence Brocas Langlands Pearse  Marcus Aurelius Edward Brocas Langland Pearse  Gary Martin Michael Sutton  Anthony Sparrowhawk  Angela Mary Sparrowhawk  National Grid Electricity Transmission plc  Enso Energy Limited
С	26/3	Susie Clare Fischel	Susie Clare Fischel David Fischel	UK Power Networks Services (South East) Limited Unknown The Chichester Diocesan Fund and Board of Finance (Incorporated)
D	8/4	Angmering Park Farms LLP		Schroder Pension Trustee Limited  Suzy Smith Racing Limited  Angmering Park Gallops Limited
E	34/19	Charles Roderick Worsley	Charles Roderick Worsley  National Grid Electricity Transmission plc  UK Power Networks	Ancleggan Limited  National Grid Electricity Transmission plc  Rampion Offshore Wind Limited

		Category 1		Category 2
			(Operations) Limited	TC Rampion OFTO Limited
				Unknown
				UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited
F	7/1	Keith William Langmead	Keith William Langmead	West Sussex County Council
			UK Power Networks (Operations)	Alpha Training Safety Solutions Limited
			Limited	Christopher John Halls
			Openreach Limited	Karen Frances Halls
			Limited	David Holford Benson
				The Executor of John Fredrick Wells
				SSE plc
				Unknown
				Joshua David Walker
				Emily Louise Walker
				Face Fit Testing UK Limited
				Rescue 2 Limited
G	19/2	Grahame Rhone Kittle	Sullington Manor Farm LLP	West Sussex County Council
			Southern Gas Networks plc	
Н	34/25	National Grid Electricity Transmission	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited
		plc	Openreach Limited	Rampion Offshore Wind Limited
			UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited	

	Category 1			Category 2
			Neos Networks Limited  Southern Water Services Limited  Vodafone Limited	
34.	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc		National Grid Electricity Transmission plc  Openreach Limited  UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited	UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited Rampion Offshore Wind Limited
34	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc		Openreach Limited UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited	UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited Rampion Offshore Wind Limited
34	National Grid Electricity Transmission plc	South Eastern Power Networks Plc	South Eastern Power Networks Plc  Openreach Limited  UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited  Neos Networks Limited	UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited Rampion Offshore Wind Limited

#### 1.6 How consultation was carried out

- Because the consultation proposals only affected local planning authorities and a defined set of Affected Parties, publicity for the consultation was limited to notification emails and letters sent to those persons and organisations.
- The notification letters and emails explained that feedback on the changes could be provided to the Applicant using email addresses that were set out in those materials.
- A copy of the notification letter is provided in Appendix A of this document.

#### 1.7 Responses to the consultation

- The Applicant received seven responses to the consultation, all of which were submitted by email. Copies of the seven responses are provided in Appendix A of this report.
- 1.7.2 Information about each respondent, submitted with their response, is presented in Table 1.0.

**Table 1.0 Respondent information** 

ID	Respondent	Organisation	Relevant Change
01	Matthew Porter	Horsham District Council	В
02	Stuart Malcolm Mid Sussex District Council		A, E, H
03	Susie and David Fischel		С
04	Charles Worsley		E
05	Michael Campbell	One Planet	E
06	Dawn Langston	Twineham Parish Council	A, E, H
07	Laura Crumpton	Ardent representing NGET	Н

A summary of the issues raised by each respondent and the Applicant's responses to the issues raised are presented in Table 2.0.

Table 2.0 summary of issues raised, and the Applicant's responses

ID	Issues raised	Applicant's response
01	HDC has no concerns with this. The extra safeguard of Ancient Woodland is welcomed.	Noted by the Applicant
02	MSDC raise no particular issue with Change A. However, they wanted clarity on the planning justification and implications for Change H. They are planning to secure comprehensive planting from a heritage and landscape perspective and wanted to know if these changes could potentially affect the ability to deliver such planting.	Regarding change H, the Applicant is confident that any works necessary to maintain or reinforce the hedgerow along Bob Lane, to provide adequate screening of the proposed substation extension, can be accommodated within the 10m wide strip remaining for Work 17 environmental mitigation.
03	Susie and David Fischel expect specific provisions to be incorporated into a legal agreement to protect their interests. Including; the works in respect of access and visibility splay should be the minimum necessary; that the Applicant would endeavour to restrict vegetation loss to the minimum necessary to secure the agreement; and that the Applicant would keep them fully informed and consult with them in respect of the access works and vegetation management and the timing, given the sensitivity of the access point both from an ecological/environmental perspective and security perspective.  They also raise that they received a number of emails from the Applicant, they note one dated Friday 28 June advising us of your proposed formal alterations to the DCO route. They requested a formal response by 12 July to update them on the Applicant's progress with the action points which related to commitments regarding the cable corridor route and compound location for the exit TC. The also, referred to an email dated 28 June, regarding a Legal Undertaking, they raise a request for the Applicant to 'hug the existing field boundary', they assume this should be covered by the Applicant's proposed undertaking to site the cable corridor as far South and East of the wood boundary. They would like agreement on the wording of the undertaking in the form of a commitment.  Given the proximity to deadline 5, they raise the point that the more definitively, the Applicant can respond, on what commitments they would propose to provide on the siting of the cable corridor and compound, the better.	The Applicant notes that the response received did not address the proposed change request but instead with ongoing negotiations between the parties regarding the heads of terms and a proposed letter of undertaking. There is there is no objection to the proposed change.  C-292 commits the applicant to apply the mitigation hierarchy to avoid losses of key habitats.

#### ID Issues raised

Mr Worsley noted that the revised plan was a small improvement but not what he thought was recently discussed with the Applicant.

Following conversations with the Applicant, he was under the impression part of plot 19 would be reclassified 'temporary use'. He would like to refine the cable route and wanted clarification on whether changing the part of plot 19 to 'temporary use' is still possible.

He stated his disappointment as a landowner in regard to the perceived lack of effort to save the group of mature oak trees, which he believes is contrary to the Rampion 2 ES statement and policies.

He has stated throughout the examination, that he would prefer to reach a negotiated agreement but believes the Applicant's approach to have been confrontational. However, he is seeking to try to reach an agreement with the Applicant.

#### Applicant's response

The Applicant welcomes that the consultee considers the change an improvement.

The Applicant seeks Acquisition of Rights by the Creation of New Rights or the Imposition of Restrictive Covenants for Plot 34/19. This is for the operation of the underground cables and will be applied over a width of up to 15m, not over the full parcel.

Temporary rights will be required for the installation of this cable within the construction corridor, over a width of up to 30m. The remainder of the plot would not be subject to any rights. However, due to a number of factors including extensive buried services to the south and uncertainty around protective provision requirements associated with those, together with uncertainty over the proposed future land uses in this area, the Applicant requires flexibility within the Order limits in which to locate the cable corridor.

The Applicant has assessed losses of 14m to the treeline mentioned but will seek to reduce this through detailed design if possible.

The Applicant has responded to the Affected party explaining that the Applicant has commissioned an interim cable design study to confirm further detail on the engineering requirements for the Rampion 2 cable in this location. This work will provide the basis for the alignment of the construction corridor design and therefore should provide further information regarding temporary and permanent works required. The cable design study is expected in September 24.

The cable design study work will seek to minimise the impact on the One Planet layout where practicable and subject to the Proposed Development requirements. This has been communicated to the Affected Party.

Mr Campbell endorsed the comments made by Mr Worsley (see 05 below). He further noted on the revised plan, an "indicative open cut section". He wanted clarification on the use and width of the section as it is considerably wider than expected. He stated that he raised the point at the compulsory acquisition hearing in Brighton on 21 May 2024, he understood that the section required by the Applicant would be considerably narrower than the 20m permanent cable easement corridor.

He provided a photo of a plan with his response and suggested that this would allow for a

The indicative cable route shown on the plans is not relevant to the proposed changes to the Order limits. This has been removed from the Change Application to prevent further confusion.

The Applicant seeks consent for a construction corridor width of up to 30m between the Oakendene substation and the Bolney National Grid substation.

The routeing shown by the consultee has merits, however, due to a number of factors including extensive buried services to the south and uncertainty around protective provision requirements associated with those, together with

working width on each side of such an easement strip, it would produce an indicative open cut section and minimise effects on mature oak trees in the area.

Mr Campbell stated that he is keen to agree a mutually acceptable cable route based on agreed principles concerning the location of the cable route. This would entail certainty concerning the extent of the land the Applicant needs (a) for its permanent easement corridor; and (b) for temporary access in order to lay the cable initially.

uncertainty over the proposed future land uses in this area, the Applicant requires flexibility within the Order limits in which to locate the cable corridor. Therefore, the Order limits cannot be reduced further without prejudicing the installation of the cable.

The Applicant has assessed losses of 14m to the treeline mentioned but will seek to reduce this through detailed design if possible.

Please see 04 for the Applicants further comments relating to Mr Worsley's response.

Of Twineham Parish Council notes in reference to change H, the red line on the map has moved to the south to be adjacent to Bob Lane. They insisted that no vehicle access should be permitted at this point as Bob Lane is extremely narrow and currently has a substantial amount of vegetation, screening electrical works. The parish council requested confirmation of the receipt of their response.

No changes to the Order limits are proposed in this location.

No construction access is proposed from Bob Lane. An area within the Order limits north of the proposed Work 17 has been reclassified as work 13 construction access so that the environmental mitigation works can be accessed from A-68, not Bob Lane.

07 NGET only commented on areas which are NGET leased land and relevant associated plots. In reference to changes A, B and E, they provided no comment.

#### Change H - plots 34/25 and 34/31

NGET noted the Applicant's proposal to compulsorily acquire rights and impose restrictions over the plots would still make it more difficult to site other customers' cables in this area and may have the effect of sterilising the land entirely for that purpose. They state the plots are larger than the Applicant requires for its purposes and believe it should be reduced. NGET also want the Applicant's ability to use powers of compulsory acquisition restricted via the Protective Provisions so that the Applicant can only be exercised with NGET's consent.

#### Change H - Plot 34/27

NGET welcomes the reduction in the land required for environmental mitigation. However, as this is to be for landscape planting not environmental mitigation, NGET expect the wording to match the wording issued in the recent version of the SoCG and for this change to be secured in the draft DCO.

#### Change H - Plot 34/28

NGET still maintains that that no powers of acquisition over this plot should be included in

#### Plots 34/25 and 34/31

NGET will retain ownership and control of its land, subject only to the terms of the land rights sought by the Applicant.

Plot 34/31 is proposed to be subject to temporary possession powers only for construction access. This will not affect NGET's ability to site other customer connections.

The remaining area of Plot 34/25 is to be subject to the Cable Rights and Restrictive Covenant. Those rights reflect standard form easements and they do not prevent other connections from being made. There is a need for NGET to liaise with the Applicant in relation to any proposed works which could affect its apparatus, but there is a consent mechanism in the restrictive covenant which requires the Applicant to act reasonably in this regard.

#### Plot 34/27

The Applicant notes that the consultee welcomes the reduction in land proposed by the changes. Works 17 refers to all environmental works proposed to mitigate the impact of the substation. It has been explained to NGET that the term Environmental Mitigation captures the proposed boundary reinforcement planting and is definition of environmental mitigation provided.

#### ID Issues raised

the DCO. They have undertaken to build a substation via a Transmission Owner Construction Offer ("TOCO") to the Electricity Systems Operator ("NESO"). Once accepted by NESO, the TOCO is legally binding on NGET. They are obliged to conclude an Interface Agreement ("IA") directly with the Applicant to support the TOCO and to grant each party a series of rights. As NGET has consistently stated, this land should be removed entirely from the DCO, as the Applicant does not need to compulsorily acquire it, nor any rights over it. NGET confirms that it is happy to continue discussions with the Applicant around the outstanding issues.

#### Applicant's response

#### Plot 34/28

The Applicant accepts that the TOCO and IA will perform that function in due course but at present those documents are not in place and there is no binding agreement for the same. The Applicant reasonably requires the land rights it is seeking to ensure that it can deliver its works ready for connection to the national grid transmission network.

The Applicant and NGET are engaging positively with a view to the Applicant securing its land rights by voluntary agreement as soon as practicable.

#### 1.8 Conclusions from the consultation

- The Applicant appreciates the time and effort taken by each respondent to submit feedback to the consultation. Consultation provides an essential channel for those with an interest in proposed changes to comment on the Applicant's proposals, while the Applicant has an opportunity to reflect on the feedback and ensure the proposals are appropriate and robust.
- As set out in Table 2.0, the Applicant has considered and responded to the concerns raised by respondents to the consultation, although it is acknowledged that some respondents may not agree with all the Applicant's responses.
- Having thoroughly considered the feedback received, the Applicant has decided to progress the proposals put forward during the consultation, subject to following the appropriate procedures.

### References

Planning Inspectorate (2023). Advice Note Sixteen: Requests to change applications after they have been accepted for examination. Version 3. Accessed June 2024. Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - Advice Note Sixteen: requests to change applications after they have been accepted for examination - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

.

## **Appendix A**

## **Carter Jonas**

3 Royal Court Kings Worthy Winchester SO23 7TW

Your ref: Our ref:

Ancleggan Limited Biddlesgate Farm Wimborne Dorset BH21 5RS

1st July 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

## NOTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL NON-MATERIAL CHANGES TO RAMPION 2 PROPOSAL

Further to detailed engineering reviews of the proposed Rampion 2 Works Plans, the Applicant considers that there may be some locations within the Order Limits which could be subject to reduced scope of work classes and land rights or removed from the Order Limits altogether.

The Applicant has therefore notified PINS of its intention to make a change request. A list of the proposed changes is set out in the letter attached. We are writing to you because one of these changes relates to works and/ or rights required over your land being changes to Plot 34/19.

Should you have any comments on the proposed changes, please respond to the Applicant with details by 12 July at Please do contact me if you require any further information at this stage.

Yours sincerely

Partner

## **Coombes, Nicholas** From: .01 July 2024 18:32 Sent: Rampion2 To: XT] RE: Notification of changes to the Rampion 2 application Subject: **Follow Up Flag:** Follow up Flag Status: Completed \*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL \*\*]: This email originated from outside of the organization - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments. Hi Nick I don't have any particular issues with Change A, with this being made in response to a written question from the ExA. However, I would like to get a clearer understanding about the planning justification and implications for Change H. The Environmental Mitigation area in the south east corner of the plan area for these works is significantly reduced from the original proposal. As you know, we have been looking to secure comprehensive planting from a heritage and landscape perspective and I would like to know how these changes could potentially affect the ability to deliver such planting? Thanks Stuart

From: 28 June 2024 15:09

**To:** Coombes, Nicholas; Rampion2

**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Notification of changes to the Rampion 2 application

[\*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL \*\*]: This email originated from outside of the organization - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments.

Dear Nick,

HDC has no concerns with this. The extra safeguard of Ancient Woodland is welcomed.

Yours sincerely,

#### **Matthew Porter**

Senior Planning Officer







Horsham District Council, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL
Telephone: 01403 215100 (calls may be recorded) www.horsham.gov.uk Chief Executive: Jane Eaton

#### 03 Susie and David Fischel



**Subject:** [EXT] Spithandle Lane visit and other emails

[\*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL \*\*]: This email originated from outside of the organization - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments.

Dear Vicky,

Thanks for coming round to Spithandle Lane last week, Tuesday June 25, with your engineer to explain the scope of proposed works in respect of enlarging by 5m the access to Sweethill from Spithandle Lane and in respect of the "Visibility Splay" from that access point.

Our response is essentially that ,thanks again for going through the plans. As mentioned, we would expect specific provisions to be incorporated into a legal agreement to protect our interests . These provisions should be to the effect that; the works in respect of access and visibility splay should be the minimum necessary; that in your dealings with Highways on the visibility splay matter you would endeavour to restrict vegetation loss to the minimum necessary to secure their agreement; and that you would keep us fully informed and consult with us in respect of the access works and vegetation management and the timing thereof, given the sensitivity of that access point both from an ecological/environmental perspective (eg bat highway, bird nesting sites, ancient species, mature trees, sight lines etc) and security perspective (eg fly tipping, traveller incursion, joy riding etc). We have received a number of other emails from you in the last week or so; one, dated 20 June with action points from our meeting of that day; a second, dated Friday 28 June advising us of your proposed formal alterations to the DCO route, to which we are requested to respond formally by 12 July, and updating us on your progress with the action points which related to commitments regarding the cable corridor route and compound location for the exit TC; a third, also dated 28 June, headed Legal Undertaking.

In respect of the third email, I believe the point "hug the existing field boundary "should be covered by your proposed undertaking to site the cable corridor as far South and East of the wood boundary as possible, assuming we can agree on the wording of that undertaking. This is what your colleague said at the CAH that Rampion will be doing, so we hope you can give a commitment to reflect that.

Otherwise, with the exception of us providing you with details of our lawyers (which you already know as they have put in our last two submissions to the ExA and attended the CA hearing in person!), the Action Points are all in your court.

As Deadline 5 is fast approaching ( July 9) and we would anticipate making some submission to the ExA for that deadline , the sooner , and the more definitively , you can respond ,on what commitments you would propose to provide on the siting of the cable corridor and compound ,the better.

We have repeatedly made the point that satisfactory resolution of route matters , and an undertaking on legal fees , are essential to getting to work on the full legal agreements , which we have been set up to do ,with lawyers in place ,since before the DCO hearing began.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Regards

Susie and David Fischel



Dear Vicky,

Thank you for your email, having looked at the revised plan red line I note the minor change to the north end, this is a small improvement but not what I thought was recently discussed between us.

When we last spoke you suggesting that part of the Plot 19 would be reclassified as "temporary use" not for the cable installation. I see in the rationale you say there is still uncertainty about the cable route and existing buried services, but all the data has now been assembled and the cable design work is underway, I appreciate this isn't due to be completed until September.

Given this my understanding was that we were aiming to refine the cable route and therefore change the part of plot 19 to "temporary use", is this still a possibility?

From my point of view as landowner, I'm disappointed that no effort seems to being made to save the group of mature oak trees, this seems contrary to the Rampion 2 ES statement and policies.

As I've said repeatedly during this examination process I would much prefer to reach a negotiated agreement to deliver both projects which I believe is very much achievable but RWE Rampion would appear to want to take a confrontational approach which unfortunately will not solicit the best response from me as land owner.

I look forward to continuing to try to reach an agreement.

Thanks.

Charles

#### 05 Michael Campbell, One Planet



**Subject:** [EXT] RE: One Planet/ Ancleggan - Rampion 2

Dear Vicky

Thanks for your email.

I see that Charles has already responded in his capacity as landowner and that you have responded to him earlier today.

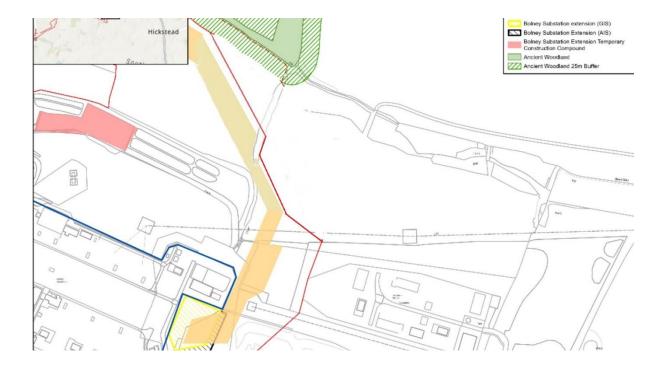
From Ancleggan's perspective, we echo his comments and will review your latest email to him and respond as necessary.

On the revised plan an "indicative open cut section" is marked. Please can you confirm that this comprises the easement corridor sought plus the working width necessary to lay the cable?

It seems that the indicative open cut section shown on the revised plan is between 40 and 50m wide (on the presumption that the scale on the revised plan, which suggests that it is more than 1km wide, is an error).

You may recall that I raised this point at the compulsory acquisition hearing in Brighton on 21 May 2024, where we understood that the section actually required by Rampion would be considerably narrower than the 20m permanent cable easement corridor which Rampion requires for the four bundles of cable forming the route between the coast and Oakenden substation. As you know, the pair of 400kV cables connection Rampion 1 substation to the National Grid substation at Bolney were laid approximately five metres apart.

Allowing for a working width on each side of such an easement strip would produce an indicative open cut section more akin to the snapshot below (which would also have the benefit of minimising the effect on the mature oak trees in accordance with Rampion 2's environmental statement, as noted by Charles.



Ancleggan remains keen to agree a mutually acceptable cable route and would be happy to try to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with to reflect this, together with agreed principles concerning the ultimate location of the ultimate cable route, provided that Ancleggan has certainty concerning the extent of the land Rampion 2 needs (a) for its permanent easement corridor; and (b) for temporary access in order to lay the cable initially.

I look forward to your thoughts.

With kind regards

Michael



One Planet Developments Limited (Company number 12261202) and One Planet Development Management Limited (Company number 13371828) are both companies incorporated in England. Their registered offices are at Biddlesgate Farm, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 5RS.

#### 06 Dawn Langston, Twineham Parish Council



Subject: [EXT] Rampion 2 Consultation Comments

Importance: High

[\*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL \*\*]: This email originated from outside of the organization - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments.

Good morning,

With reference to the letter from Rampion 2 dated 27th June 2024, their ref:

005247837/01, page 18, reference H:

Twineham Parish Council notes that the red line on the map has moved to the south to be adjacent to Bob Lane. Twineham Parish Council insists that no vehicle access should be permitted at this point as Bob Lane is extremely narrow. In addition, there is currently a substantial amount of vegetation at this point, screening electrical works.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Kind regards Dawn

Dawn Langston Clerk to Twineham Parish Council

Emails are checked before sending but we take no responsibility for inadvertent transmission of viruses. Twineham Parish Council advise that email is not secure or confidential. If you have received this message in error you are asked to destroy it and advise us please. Our emails are confidential to the intended recipient, are our property and may not be utilised, copied or transmitted to third parties. This message confirms that it is from an authorised source.

#### 07 Laura Crumpton, Ardent representing NGET

From: Laura Crumpton

**Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2024 6:07 PM

To:

Subject: FW: Rampion 2 - Notification of potential non-material changes to Rampion 2 proposals

Dear Rampion,

Please see NGET response below to this consultation. We have only commented on those areas which are on NGET leased land.

Change reference A

Plot 34/16 - NGET has no comment on this change.

Change reference B

Plot 33/1 - NGET has no comment on this change.

Change reference E

Plot 33/1 - NGET has no comment on this change.

#### Change reference H

Plot 34/25, 34/31 - NGET notes the change in the scope of works in these plots from cable installation to construction access. However, the Applicant's proposal to compulsorily acquire rights and impose restrictions over plots 34/25, 34/26 and 34/27 would still make it more difficult to site other customers' cables in this area and may have the effect of sterilising the land entirely for that purpose. As NGET has consistently stated, the plots are larger than the Applicant requires for its purposes and should be reduced. Additionally, the Applicant's ability to use powers of compulsory acquisition should be restricted via the Protective Provisions so that they can only be exercised with NGET's consent.

Plot 34/27 – NGET notes the downgrade in scope of works from environmental mitigation and welcomes the reduction in the land required for environmental mitigation, however is of the understanding this is to be for landscape planting not environmental mitigation. NGET would expect the wording here to match the wording issued in the recent version of the SoCG and for this change to be secured in the draft DCO.

Plot 34/28 – NGET notes the downgrade of rights from permanent acquisition to permanent rights. However, NGET still maintains that that no powers of acquisition over plot 34/28 should be included in the DCO. NGET has undertaken to build the substation via a Transmission Owner Construction Offer ("TOCO") to the Electricity Systems Operator ("NESO"). Once accepted by NESO, the TOCO is legally binding on NGET. NGET is obliged to conclude an Interface Agreement ("IA") directly with the Applicant to support the TOCO and to grant each party the right to install, use, retain, repair, inspect, test, remove and modify its own assets on the other party's land, subject to certain conditions and limitations. The IA will also grant each party a right of access to the other party's land for the purpose of exercising such rights or performing such obligations, subject to certain arrangements and provisions. As NGET has consistently stated, this land should be removed entirely from the DCO, as the Applicant does not need to compulsorily acquire it, nor any rights over it.

NGET confirms that it is happy to continue discussions with the Applicant around the outstanding issues.

#### Kind regards Laura



This message, its content and any attachment is private and confidential. If you have received this message in error, please notify us immediately and permanently delete this message from your system. Ardent Management Limited may monitor incoming and outgoing email for compliance and security purposes. Ardent Management Limited is a limited company registered in England and Wales under company number 02698524. Registered office 147A High Street, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, ENB 7AP