

**Rampion 2 Wind Farm
Category 8:
Examination Documents
Joint Position Statement between
the Applicant and Horsham District
Council**

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1. **Background**

- 1.1 Following submission of the Landscape Enhancement Principles (South Downs National Park Authority and Horsham District Council) [REP5-132] at Deadline 5 the Applicant and Horsham District Council (HDC) have continued to negotiate as to the terms on which a payment may be made to HDC to compensate for the residual effects of the proposed development on identified landscape character areas within HDC's administrative area, and the final cost damage calculation sum to mitigate for air quality impacts.

2. **Securing Mechanism**

- 2.1 Through those negotiations the parties have agreed the settlement of Mitigation and Enhancement Principles as distinct from the landscape enhancement principles which apply to the residual effects of the proposed development on the South Downs National Park. The Mitigation and Enhancement Scheme which is to accord with the terms of the Mitigation Enhancement Principles should be secured through a separate requirement in the draft Development Consent Order submitted at Deadline 6, to the requirement securing the National Park enhancement and furtherance scheme in respect of residual effects in the South Downs National Park.
- 2.2 The Applicant and HDC agree that a requirement should be included in the draft Development Consent Order to secure the Mitigation and Enhancement Scheme as follows:

Horsham District mitigation and landscape enhancement

41—(1) The authorised project must not be commenced, save in respect of onshore site preparation works, until a Horsham District mitigation and enhancement scheme in accordance with the Horsham District mitigation and enhancement principles document has been submitted to and approved by Horsham District Council.

(2) The Horsham District mitigation and enhancement scheme must set out appropriate measures to compensate for the impact of the authorised development on the landscape character areas in which the onshore substation is located.

(3) The Horsham District mitigation and enhancement scheme must be implemented as approved.

(4) In this requirement "Horsham District mitigation and enhancement scheme principles document" means the document certified as such by the Secretary of State under article 51.

3. **Key Principles**

- 3.1 The key principles of the Horsham District Mitigation and Enhancement Scheme as documented in the Mitigation and Enhancement Principles are as follows:

Compensation Fund

3.1.1 The Compensation Fund is agreed to be £165,000 to compensate for the residual adverse effects of the project on identified landscape character areas within HDC's administrative area. The Compensation Fund will be paid to HDC, as a one off payment, prior to or upon the date of implementation of the authorised development within HDC's administrative area.

3.1.2 The Compensation Fund is to be applied to landscape led enhancement projects within the following host landscape areas:

3.1.2.1 J3 - Cowfold & Shermanbury Farmlands

3.1.2.2 G1 - Ashurst & Wiston Wooded Farmlands

3.1.2.3 F1 - Pulborough, Chiltington & Thakeham Farmlands

3.1.2.4 E1 - Parham & Storrington Wooded Farmlands & Heaths

as part of the Wilder Horsham District Initiative, a partnership project between Sussex Wildlife Trust and HDC.

Air Quality Mitigation Contribution

- 3.1.3 The Air Quality Mitigation Contribution is agreed to be £66,424, which is to be paid to HDC on behalf of itself and as stakeholder for Mid Sussex District Council, Worthing Borough Council and Arun District Council that require mitigation for air quality. The contribution is to be paid to HDC, as a one off payment, prior to or upon the date of implementation of the development.
- 3.1.4 The Air Quality Mitigation Contribution is to be distributed to each of the relevant authorities as follows:
 - 3.1.4.1 HDC - £18,036
 - 3.1.4.2 Arun District Council - £25,685
 - 3.1.4.3 Worthing Borough Council - £16,274
 - 3.1.4.4 Mid Sussex District Council - £6,429
- 3.1.5 The Air Quality Monitoring Contribution is to be used by the relevant authorities towards supporting measures set out in the agreed Air Quality Mitigation Strategy as updated at Deadline 6 and/or described in the West Sussex Transport Plan (2022) by the relevant authorities in their respective areas of jurisdiction and/or their Local Air Quality Management Annual Status Report.

Mechanism for delivery

- 3.1.6 Payment of the Compensation Fund and the Air Quality Mitigation Contribution are to be secured through a section 106 agreement which will bind the onshore substation land in the HDC's administrative area.
- 3.1.7 The section 106 agreement will be required to be entered into prior to the commencement of the authorised development onshore.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Applicant and HDC agree that
 - 4.1.1 The compensation fund and the air quality mitigation contribution, in the sums agreed and to be secured by a section 106 agreement binding land in HDC's administrative area, pursuant to the Mitigation and Enhancement Scheme, will adequately compensate for the:
 - 4.1.1.1 residual adverse landscape effects of the project on the identified host landscape areas within HDC's administrative area; and
 - 4.1.1.2 adverse effects of the project on air quality within the administrative areas of HDC, Mid Sussex District Council, Worthing Borough Council and Arun District Council.

Signed



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