

Rampion 2 Wind Farm Category 8: Examination Documents Joint Position Statement between the Applicant and West Sussex

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1. Background

1.1 Following submission of the Public Rights of Way Enhancements Schedule Principles (West Sussex County Council) [REP5-133] (now referred to as the "Public Rights of Way and Landscape Enhancement principles") at Deadline 5 the Applicant and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) have continued to negotiate as to the terms on which a payment may be made to WSCC to compensate for the impact of the authorised development on public rights of way during the construction phase of the project.

2. Securing Mechanism

- 2.1 Through those negotiations the parties have agreed the settlement of Public Rights of Way and Landscape Enhancement Principles.
- 2.2 The Applicant and WSCC agree that a Requirement should be included in the draft Development Consent Order to secure the Public Rights of Way and Landscape Enhancement Scheme, which is to accord with the terms of the Public Rights of Way and Landscape Enhancement Principles, as follows:

Public rights of way and landscape enhancement

42—(1) The authorised project must not be commenced, save in respect of onshore site preparation works until a public rights of way and landscape enhancement scheme in accordance with the public rights of way and landscape enhancement principles document has been submitted to and approved by West Sussex County Council.

(2) The public rights of way and landscape enhancement scheme must set out appropriate measures to compensate for

- (a) the impact of the loss of hedgerows and trees during the construction of the authorised development on the use and enjoyment of the public rights of way and highway network in West Sussex; and
- (b) towards improvements to the public rights of way network affected by the construction of the authorised development within a 5km buffer zone of the onshore Order limits
- (3) The public rights of way and landscape enhancement scheme must be implemented as approved.

(4) In this requirement "public rights of way and landscape enhancement 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 Public Rights of Way and Landscape Enhancement Scheme as documented in the Public Rights of Way Enhancement Principles are as follows:
 - 3.1.1 The Compensation Fund is agreed to be £188,000, to compensate for the impact of the authorised development on public rights of way and hedgerow restoration during the construction phase of the project.
 - 3.1.2 Payment of the Compensation Fund is to be secured through a section 106 agreement which will bind the onshore substation land within the administrative area of WSCC.
 - 3.1.3 The section 106 agreement will be required to be entered into prior to the commencement of the authorised development onshore
 - 3.1.4 The Compensation Fund comprises two elements:
 - 3.1.4.1 £88,000 towards the provision of increased tree or hedgerow planting and hedgerow restoration to compensate for the temporary residual adverse effects arising from removal of

hedgerows and trees on the users of the highway and public right of way network within the WSCC area; and

3.1.4.2 £100,000 towards improvements to the public rights of way network affected by the construction works within a 5km buffer zone of the cable route and onshore substation

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Applicant and WSCC agree that
 - 4.1.1 The compensation fund, in the sum agreed and to be secured by a section 106 agreement binding the onshore substation land in the WSCC area, pursuant to the public rights of way and landscape enhancement scheme, will adequately compensate for for the impact of the authorised development on public rights of way during the construction phase of the project, by enabling:
 - 4.1.1.1 The provision of increased tree or hedgerow planting and hedgerow restoration to offset and compensate for the temporary residual adverse effects arising from removal of hedgerows and trees on the users of the highway and public right of way network within the WSCC area and
 - 4.1.1.2 improvements to the public rights of way network affected by the construction works within a 5km buffer zone of the cable route and onshore substation.

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