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Dear Sirs,

I write as a deeply concerned long time rural resident of Cowfold parish, due to the proposals of the Rampion 2 project.

I have followed many of the developments throughout the recent months of the Planning Inspectorate, and frankly have seen *nothing* to allay my fears relating to this entire project; it seems to me that Rampion have cut the costs of such a big project by 'riding roughshod' over any objections, without even considering or offering any alternatives, to those most seriously affected by their plans. The entire project appears to have been embarked upon without any local knowledge or investigation of the area concerned, possibly using just a map and a red pen to mark the projected cable route- that is, a 'desktop designed project'.

With a new government in power, I understand that onshore windfarms are no longer as highly regulated, so surely the cost would be much lower if it were built onshore, rather than imposing a massive scar across the county of West Sussex? Little consideration seems to have been given to the huge ecological damage to both land and seabed, the livelihoods of those whose land is on the projected cable route, local residents affected and the existing traffic problems which will be exacerbated for years if this project does go ahead.

In short, I am appalled and bewildered that this project has even got thus far!

I fully support our need for 'green' energy in this country, but it cannot be considered 'green' at all if it destroys so much of our established rural ecology and countryside in the course of development; Rampion are proposing to eradicate ancient trees, land and established hedgerows that hold great ecological significance as established habitat for a wide variety of species - planting a few trees to replace all those destroyed is NOT going to redress the balance in any appreciable way.

All this destruction is for a project which *may* have a lifespan of 25 years, if completed, so it cannot be considered a worthwhile level of damage when such habitat has taken at least 50 years and more to become so well established and rich in variety.

Surely the Rampion 2 project is also in conflict with the present governments aims? At the conclusion of a recent parliamentary debate on the green belt and rural affairs, The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said; "*Nature*

underpins all the Government's missions. Without nature, there is no economy, no health, no food and no society. Nature is at crisis point “

I fear that the crisis point is right here, now, in the guise of the entire Rampion 2 project, so I respectfully beg your most careful consideration.

Yours, sincerely,

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