

From: Shuna Le Moine [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 December 2024 18:53
To: Rampion2; ed.miliband.mp@parliament
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: John Wheadon's request for information Ref: EN010117

IP20042053 Shuna Le Moine
Regarding Rampion Extension Development Limited

Resident of Littlehampton
BN17 5PG
On behalf of EBRA (East Beach Residents Association) Supporter of PCS (Protect Coastal Sussex)

Dear John Wheadon, and Ed Miliband,

I realise that you were not addressing me directly but as I would inevitably be affected I feel I must respond.

As I hope you are aware, this Rampion 2 proposal is not in any way an 'extension'?! Rampion 1 comprises turbines just 80 meters tall Rampion 2 (the 'extension') proposes turbines 325 meters tall! With a totally NEW cable route! To be installed just 8 miles from the shore. Perhaps RWE cunningly registered their limited company name to make it sound more benign - Not the monster it would be? Nowhere in the world is there such an enormously overpowering development, so damagingly close to the shore. No other country would be foolish enough to totally ruin a seaside tourist destination and obliterate so much nature.

Further to your letter of the 25th November, I am happy to see that you are not allowing RWE to totally bulldoze their way ahead without due consideration to the nature it would disrupt, damage and kill. Although I see no mention of any measures to protect the Sussex Kelp Recovery Project? Regarding Point 7:

IF this was to go ahead, and I pray you all see sense and do NOT allow it, are there any restrictions in place to limit the potential Boom Boom of piling to daytimes only, in order to allow residents some respite? During the construction of the comparatively diminutive Rampion 1 there were complaints of noise from residents.

And what of 'Levelling up'?

Littlehampton and Bognor Regis have both received grants to help us attract more tourists and enhance our seaside destination. Surely transforming our natural seaside vista into an industrial one, illuminated by red flashing lights, would totally defeat that objective?

Having recently attended a meeting in Shoreham which passionately championed Rampion 2, I am very concerned. The meeting, arranged by 'Britain Remade' was chaired by its CEO [REDACTED] who wants to get Rampion 2 built faster!? [REDACTED] was joined by two other enthusiastic, ill informed persons: [REDACTED] (ex RWE employee) MP for East Worthing and Shoreham, and Adur DC Councillor [REDACTED]. During the meeting it became evident that not one of them has followed any of the over two year examination process! Evidently seduced by RWE and its glossy propaganda and idealistically hoping to save the world? Whilst I firmly believe that Britain does

indeed charismatic gun ho personalities like [REDACTED], with a positive mission, I worry that such an organisation might be behaving a little like a headless chicken?... Apparently it hopes to cut back the planning safety net by enabling applications to be rushed through. This is a very dangerous idea. Participation of stakeholders and communities which could be affected is essential as otherwise public trust would be damaged. Rushing would likely lead to more legal challenges, more judicial reviews and that would actually slow down the process. Major projects must be of high quality and properly prepared. None of the 'panel' of Britain Remade seemed to consider this.

I understand that the government is due to commission NESCO (The National Energy System Operator) and Ofgem (The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets) to produce a Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) which is not due to be completed before 2026. Until then, how can it realistically be decided where best to install Nationally Significant Infrastructures? Surely we need to get all of our ducks in a row before subsidising projects with our taxpayer's Billions?

The simple fact that building this project would be breaking the law might assist in your decision making? As you must now be aware, this development would be in breach of the European Convention of Landscapes. A convention which Britain has agreed to comply with.

I wish you well and hope your eyes aren't too strained with reading all that you must.

Kind regards,

Shuna Le Moine