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Rampion 2 Project
Rampion Extension Development Ltd

c/o RWE Renewables
Greenwood House
Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park

13/07/2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposals for an offshore wind farm off the coast of West Sussex (known as Rampion 2).

Notice pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to consult you on proposals for an offshore wind farm, known as Rampion 2, to be located adjacent to the existing Rampion Offshore Wind Farm in the English Channel off the south coast of England. The current consultation is a statutory consultation carried out pursuant to Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act). Notice of the proposed application is also being publicised under the requirements of Section 48 of the Act.

You are being specifically consulted on the proposals because either;

- **You have, or may have, an interest in land which is the subject of the current proposals. You may have already been separately contacted by the applicant, or land agent acting on behalf of the applicant in that regard;**
- **You are a statutory consultee, in respect of Section 44; or**
- **You are a person(s) or body to whom we believe this proposal may be of interest.**

The Act introduced new procedures for applications for categories of development that are identified as 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects' (NSIPs). The categories of development are set out within the Act and the Rampion 2 proposals fall within the categories described in Sections 15 as an offshore generating station with a capacity of more than 100 megawatts. Rampion Extension Development Limited (the Applicant) will be submitting to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the construction, operation and maintenance of an offshore

windfarm. The development will comprise both onshore and offshore infrastructure and will be EIA Development pursuant to the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The application, if accepted, will be Examined by the PINS and a recommendation will be made to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy who will then decide whether or not to approve the DCO.

Consultation

This Consultation is being carried out to inform the design of the scheme. Responses to the consultation will be considered and details of how the consultation has influenced the final proposals will be explained in the Consultation Report to be submitted with the Application.

The Land Affected

The application relates to an offshore area adjacent to the existing Rampion 1 offshore wind farm, comprising a seabed area awarded in 2019 under the Crown Estate wind farm extension process (to the west of Rampion 1) and development within the remainder of the original Round 3 Zone 6 seabed area award (to the south east of Rampion 1), comprising an array area of 270km², together with a small link area for cabling. Export cables from the array area will make landfall at Climping, West Sussex. The onshore elements of the proposal comprises a transmission cable running approximately 36km from landfall at Climping, to a 'satellite' substation located in the vicinity of the existing Bolney Substation, at Twineham, Mid Sussex to which it will then be connected.

The Proposals

The proposals comprise:

- The construction, operation and maintenance of up to 116 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 325m above lowest astronomical tide and their foundations;
- Up to three offshore substations;
- Cables laid on or beneath the seabed between the wind turbines and offshore substations and between the substations themselves;
- Export cables to transmit electricity from the offshore substations to the shore;
- A landfall located at Climping Beach using Horizontal Directional Drilling installation, with transition joint bays to connect the offshore and onshore cables;
- Onshore underground cables with jointing pits to transmit electricity to a new onshore substation. It is expected that the onshore cables will be laid within a corridor, the majority of which shall have a temporary working width of up to 50m;

- The construction and operation of an onshore substation on land in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Bolney Substation in Twineham, Mid Sussex;
- Underground cables between the new substation and the existing Bolney substation to connect the offshore wind farm to the National Grid;

Further information

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the Section 48 Notice that will be published in the following publications:

- the Argus, Sussex Daily and the West Sussex Gazette on 14 July;
- the West Sussex County Times and Mid Sussex Times on 15 July; and
- the Sussex Express, and Isle of Wight County Press on 16 July.

Notice of the application will also be published for a second time in each publication a week after the above dates.

The notice will also be published in the Fishing News on 16th July 2021 and in The Guardian, and the London Gazette, as well as Lloyds List on 19th July 2021.

Consultation materials are available to view or download from the project website www.rampion2.com/consultation. This includes the following:

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and Non-Technical Summary (NTS) to the PEIR;
- Documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposal;
- Consultation factsheets; and
- the Consultation Response form

Consultation responses

Comments are invited on the proposals. The Act allows a period of 28 days for this consultation from the day after receipt of this letter and enclosures. We anticipate, from the posting date, that you will receive this letter on 14th July 2021 which would give a deadline for responses of 11th August 2021.

However, although the consultation officially commences on **14th July 2021** we have decided to provide for more than the statutory minimum consultation period and accordingly please note the deadline for receipt of responses is **16th September 2021**

Please could you respond using one of the following methods:

By Post:

Rampion 2 Extension Development Limited
Consultation Response
c/o RWE Renewables
Greenwood House
Westwood Way
Westwood Business Park
Coventry
CV4 8PB

By e-mail: Rampion2@rwe.com

Online via the comments form on the project website:
www.Rampion2.com/consultation

Freephone: 0800 2800 886

Yours faithfully

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Senior Consents Manager

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**Section 48 Planning Act 2008
Regulation 4 The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)
Regulations 2009**

**RAMPION 2 OFFSHORE WIND FARM
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO)**

Notice is hereby given that Rampion Extension Development Limited ("RED") ('the Applicant') of Greenwood House, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, Coventry, CV4 8PB proposes to apply to the Secretary of State under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for a Development Consent Order for the construction, maintenance, operation and decommissioning of an offshore wind farm known as Rampion 2 ('Rampion 2').

Rampion 2 will have a proposed generating capacity in excess of 100 MW, and will be located around 13km from the Sussex coast at its nearest point. The proposed wind turbines and offshore substations will be constructed within an offshore array area of approximately 270 km². Export cables from the offshore array area will make landfall at Climping and will then connect to the National Grid via underground cables to a Project substation and then to the Electricity Transmission System at the National Grid Bolney Substation in Twineham, Mid Sussex.

The proposed development consent order will, amongst other things, licence and authorise:

- The construction, operation and maintenance of up to 116 wind turbines with a maximum tip height of 325m above lowest astronomical tide and their foundations;
- Up to three offshore substations;
- Cables laid on or beneath the seabed between the wind turbines and offshore substations and between the substations themselves;
- Export cables to transmit electricity from the offshore substations to the shore;
- A landfall located at Climping Beach using Horizontal Directional Drilling installation, with transition joint bays to connect the offshore and onshore cables;
- Onshore underground cables with jointing pits to transmit electricity to a new onshore substation. It is expected that the onshore cables will be laid within a corridor, the majority of which shall have a temporary working width of up to 50m;
- The construction and operation of an onshore substation on land in the vicinity of the existing National Grid Bolney Substation in Twineham, Mid Sussex;
- Underground cables between the new substation and the existing Bolney substation to connect the offshore wind farm to the National Grid;
- The permanent compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights for the Project, where required;
- Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land as required for the Project;
- The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including inter alia legislation relating to compulsory purchase;
- If required, the closure and diversion of public rights of way and streets on a temporary and permanent basis
- Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

Rampion 2 is an EIA development for the purposes of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the proposed development requires an Environmental Impact Assessment and the proposed application for a DCO will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES). Accordingly, the Applicant will be making preliminary environmental information available as part of the consultation.

Consultation on the Rampion 2 Wind Farm will begin on **14 July 2021** and end on **16 September 2021**. During this time copies of the consultation materials comprising documents, plans and maps showing the

nature and location of the proposal will be made available. These include consultation factsheets, the consultation response form, the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) to the PEIR which will be available for inspection, free of charge, on the project website www.Rampion2.com/consultation. Electronic copies of the materials may also be inspected on computers accessible to the public at the following libraries during the consultation period:

Venue	For information on computer access and opening hours*
East Sussex	
Seaford Library 15-17 Sutton Park Road, Seaford BN25 1QX	https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/local/locations/seaford
Peacehaven Library Meridian Centre, Peacehaven BN10 8BB	https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/local/locations/peacehaven
Brighton and Hove	
Jubilee library Jubilee Street, Brighton, BN1 1GE	www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/directories/local-libraries/jubilee-library
West Sussex	
Shoreham-by-Sea Library, St Mary's Rd, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5ZA	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/shoreham-by-sea-library/
Worthing Library Richmond Road, Worthing, BN11 1PW	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/worthing-library
Littlehampton Library Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5NA	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/littlehampton-library/
Bognor Regis Library London Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 1DE	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/bognor-regis-library/
Storrington Library Ryecroft Lane, Storrington, RH20 4PA	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/storrington-library/
Mid Sussex	
Henfield Library Off High St, Henfield, BN5 9HN	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/henfield-library/
Hurstpierpoint Library Trinity Rd, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, BN6 9UY	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/library-details/hurstpierpoint-library/
Isle of Wight	
Sandown Library 119 High St, Sandown, PO36 8AF	www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Libraries-Cultural-and-Heritage/Local-Libraries/Sandown-Library/

*Opening hours and computer access are subject to Covid-19 policies and practices at each venue. Please call the library or check the library's website provided prior to your visit

Hard copies of the consultation materials, or translation of materials to another language, large print, audio or braille format may be requested, and other enquiries in respect of these materials may be raised, during the consultation period using the email address, telephone number and 'Contact us' form on the project website provided below:

- Email: rampion2@rwe.com
- Freephone number 0800 2800 886
- Project website: www.rampion2.com/keep-in-touch/

Requests for reproduction of any of these consultation materials in a hardcopy paper format may be subject to a fee, subject to the specifications of the request. Copies of the consultation documents on a USB card will be provided free of charge on request, and (subject to availability) are available for collection at the following venues:

USB Deposit location	For information on access and opening hours
Rampion Visitor Centre 76-81 Kings Road Arches, Brighton BN1 2FN	https://www.rampionoffshore.com/contact/ Contact the Visitor Centre at 0800 2800 886 to arrange collection

Littlehampton Town Council The Manor House, Church Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5EW	https://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/contact-us Contact reception at 01903 732063 to arrange collection
Mid Sussex District Council Oaklands Rd, Haywards Heath RH16 1SS, United Kingdom	https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus-community-business-support/ Contact reception at 01444 458166 to arrange collection

Responses to or other representations in respect of Rampion 2 should be submitted to the Applicant via the consultation feedback form on the project website www.rampion2.com/consultation. Consultation responses may also be received by email to rampion2@rwe.com or in writing to the Applicant at: Rampion 2 – Consultation Response, Greenwood House, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, Coventry, CV4 8PB stating the grounds of the response or representation. Any response or representation in respect of the proposed Development Consent Order must be received by the Applicant **no later than 23:59 on 16 September 2021**, indicating who is making the response or representation, and giving a postal or email address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Details of responses and other representations will be made public at a later date, however any personal details or comments will not be attributed to any individual.