

18th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order 202X

Notice pursuant to:

- (1) Section 56 Planning Act 2008;**
- (2) Regulation 8 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended); and**
- (3) Regulation 16 Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017**

We are writing to notify you that on 7th **September 2023** the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ("the Secretary of State"), accepted for examination an application by Rampion Extension Development Limited of Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehill Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, England, SN5 6PB ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008. The Application (Reference No. EN010117) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State c/o the Planning Inspectorate under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 10 August 2023.

The Application will now move to the pre-examination and examination phases of the procedure established under the Planning Act 2008, for the consideration of applications for development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects.

The Application is for development consent for an offshore generating station adjacent to and forming an extension to the existing Rampion Offshore Wind Farm, and all infrastructure required to transmit the power generated, to the Bolney National Grid substation, which will require to be extended (the "Proposed Development") at the location of approximately 13km south of the Sussex coast located to the west of the existing Rampion Offshore Windfarm. The offshore generating station is located in an area approximately 196km². The onshore cable corridor is approximately 38.8km long from the landfall at Climping, West Sussex to a new substation at Oakendene, 2km west of Cowfold, West Sussex and then to the existing Bolney National Grid Substation, at Twineham, Mid Sussex. The onshore elements of the Proposed Development fall within the administrative boundaries of the following host authorities:

- Arun District Council;
- Horsham District Council;
- Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC);
- South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA); and
- West Sussex County Council (WSCC).

Under section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("APFP Regulations") and/or Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ("EIA Regulations"), the Applicant is required to serve notice that the Application was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on specified persons and organisations.

You have been identified as a person or organisation by the Secretary of State under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 and/or the APFP Regulations 2009 and/or the EIA Regulations that must be notified of the acceptance of the Application.

Formal notice that the Application has been accepted is therefore being given in accordance with Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008, Regulation 8 of the APFP Regulations and Regulation 16 of the EIA Regulations.

In compliance with these provisions, the Applicant encloses with this letter:

1. A notice issued in accordance with section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 16 of the EIA Regulations ("Section 56 Notice"); and
2. A plan showing the location of the proposed development.

The Section 56 Notice:

- Sets out a summary of the main proposals for the Project;
- Contains details of the various powers sought in the DCO;
- Explains that the Project is classified as "EIA development" for the purposes of the EIA Regulations;
- Provides details of where and when you can view the full suite of application documents free of charge;
- Provides details of how to obtain a hard copy of the application documents and the costs; and
- Explains how to make representations (giving notice of your interest in, or objection to, the Application).

The period for submitting representations will commence on **Wednesday 20th September 2023** and will end at **11.59pm on Wednesday 1st November 2023**.

Yours faithfully

Rampion Extension Development Limited