

Submission from Cowfold Parish Council (20045197) to the Planning Inspectorate's Examining Authority communication inviting all Interested Parties to comment on the information provided in response to the consultation letter dated 25 November 2024 regarding EN010117: Application by Rampion Extension Limited for the Rampion 2 Offshore Windfarm.

The supplementary information sought by the Secretary of State from Rampion 2 did not specifically refer to those elements of the proposed project which will have direct impact upon Cowfold Parish. These have been extensively iterated by the Parish Council and residents in their previous letters of representation to the Examining Authority.

However, as this is likely to be the last opportunity which Cowfold Parish Council and other Interested Parties have to address the Examining Authority the Parish Council wishes to succinctly and clearly restate their unresolved concerns on behalf of residents and businesses located within the parish. These may be summarised as the following:

- * Overarching misgivings relating to the continuing lack of communication by Rampion 2 with Cowfold Parish Council, land owners, residents and local businesses.
- * Issues concerning extant habitats and a clearly perceived lack of appropriate studies and viable solutions addressing biodiversity matters.
- * The affiliated question of water management at the proposed substation and satellite sites.
- * Impact on historic landscapes and the associated visual heritage.
- * Increased levels of traffic proximate to and through the village of Cowfold with the allied environmental damage. This expanded volume of traffic is also likely to have a direct and detrimental impact on residents and local businesses.
- * In addition particular attention must be drawn to the likely vehicular aspects & impacts affecting and associated with Kent Street, a single carriageway road feeding onto and from the A272.

* Lack of clarity in respect of the affects of High Density Drilling within the parish alongside clarity of information relating to Pollution Incident Response planning.

Whilst Cowfold Parish Council continues to uphold renewable energy projects in principle and recognises their importance to our environment this support remains predicated on the fact that any such projects are sited in an appropriate location including the provision of suitable mitigations so as to minimise any impact(s) during the construction, operational and reinstatement phases.