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Dear Matthew,

DISC/26/0133

**DCO Requirement 19 (Archaeological Investigations Onshore) Discharge
Request in relation to Rampion 2 Onshore Site Investigation Campaign**

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**Rampion 2 Offshore Windfarm Onshore Cable Transmission Works -
Climping To Bolney National Grid Substation Compound Land West of
Kent Street Cowfold West Sussex**

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Comments

***Rampion 2 Wind Farm Onshore Site Investigations Campaign 2a:
Written Scheme of Investigation for an Archaeological Watching Brief
(Revised WSI, ASE June 2026)***

The County Archaeologist for WSCC has reviewed the revised Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for the above works (Version 4, ASE June 2026), submitted to Horsham District Council. The amended document addresses the comments set out within the previous WSCC consultation response (27th May 2026).

The revisions are noted and are considered to have addressed the majority of the points raised in my previous response. In particular, the strengthened and

site-specific geoarchaeological aims and objectives are welcomed, as is the confirmation that all logs and reports from SI investigations will be subject to specialist geoarchaeological review. The provision for contingency on-site attendance by a geoarchaeological specialist is also welcomed. The clarification that the temporary hardstanding area will not result in additional ground disturbance, and therefore requires no further archaeological mitigation, is noted.

However, WSCC considers that one of the previous comments has not yet been fully addressed within the revised WSI, and a further amendment to the document is therefore required.

Subject to the requested amendment set out below, the WSI is considered acceptable in principle and capable of discharging DCO Requirement 19 (Archaeological Investigations Onshore).

Further amendment required

The revised WSI does not clearly set out how the results of this phase of site investigation (SI) works will be carried forward to inform subsequent stages of the project. Accordingly, a statement to this effect should be added to Section 5 of the WSI, confirming that the result of the Phase 2a monitoring will be used to inform the design of future phases of archaeological investigation and mitigation and the development of geoarchaeological deposit modelling across the scheme.

Section 11 (Reporting and Archive) of the WSI should also be amended to include a statement reflecting the explicit provision that, upon completion of the Onshore Site Investigation Campaign, the results of all phases of SI work will be collated and synthesised within a single overarching geoarchaeological report or statement, which will include geoarchaeological assessment and deposit modelling.

For clarity, Section 11 should also set out a phased reporting structure comprising:

- a stand-alone report on the results of archaeological and geoarchaeological monitoring for Rampion 2 Onshore SI Campaign 2a; and
- a final *Rampion 2 Onshore SI Campaign Geoarchaeological Assessment and Deposit Modelling* report, encompassing results of all phases of SI work and setting out any recommendations for further targeted geoarchaeological investigation.

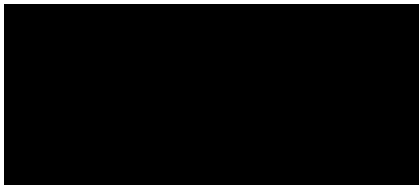
This approach will ensure methodological and reporting consistency across the SI Campaign, in accordance with the approach set out within Section 5.4 of the Rampion 2 Onshore SI Campaign 1 WSI (Wessex Archaeology 2025).

Conclusion

Subject to the above amendment, WSCC is satisfied that the WSI is compliant with the requirements of the DCO and the Outline Onshore WSI, and no further substantive changes are required.

Please provide an updated version of the WSI incorporating this addition.

Yours sincerely,



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