



## **DELEGATED APPLICATIONS - ASSESSMENT SHEET**

### **APPLICATION NO./ADDRESS:**

DISC/26/0128

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

### **DESCRIPTION:**

DCO Requirement 10(2) (Programme needed for Discharge of onshore site preparation stages) Discharge Request in relation to Rampion 2 Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a.

### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION:**

Rampion Extension Development Limited seeks to conduct a campaign of onshore site investigations in 2026. These activities fall under the definition of 'Onshore Site Preparation Works' as per the Made Order (as corrected).

This stage of 'Onshore Site Preparation Works' is called Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a. This campaign relates to a single site at the Rampion 2 onshore substation location at Oakendene. Boreholes, test pits, trial trenches, cone penetration testing, soil stripping and geophysical techniques are proposed across an area of the onshore substation Order Limits presented in Plan 1 (Drawing Number 006807176) shown as 'SI Campaign 2 Target Area'. These activities will determine and monitor ground conditions and ground water levels in preparation of the construction of the Rampion 2 onshore substation.

**Requirement to be partially discharged: Requirement 10** (Stages of Onshore Works (2) – Programme of Works)

For the Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a the applicable subsection of Requirement 10 is triggered by:

*PART 3, Requirement 10 part 2.*

*10. (2) No onshore site preparation works is to commence until a written programme identifying the stages of those onshore site preparation works has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authorities and to the extent that it relates to works seaward of mean high water springs comprising Work No. 6 following consultation with the MMO.*

The details comprise a Written Programme for Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a Site Preparation Stage and a site plan (Plan 1) confirming the location.

*Timing:* This stage of Site Preparation Works 'Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a' is programmed to start in July 2026. The first site mobilisation is expected to commence no earlier than the 20th of July 2026. The latest date for site demobilisation to be complete is the end of October 2026.

*Duration:* The campaign may run up to 12 weeks overall for active works on site. A standpipe piezometer left in-situ to facilitate on-going groundwater and gas monitoring surveys at select boreholes over a 12- 24-month period. In person groundwater and gas readings will be undertaken monthly for a minimum of 12 months.

### **RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY/LEGISLATION:**

Planning Act 2008

CONSULTATIONS

None

REPRESENTATIONS

None received

Other Considerations

The application has been considered having regard to Article 1 of the First Protocol of the Human Rights Act 1998, which sets out a person's rights to the peaceful enjoyment of property and Article 8 of the same Act, which sets out their rights in respect to private and family life and for the home. Officers consider that the proposal would not be contrary to the provisions of the above Articles.

The application has also been considered in accordance with Horsham District Council's public sector equality duty, which seeks to prevent unlawful discrimination, to promote equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people in a diverse community, in accordance with Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. In this case, the proposal is not anticipated to have any potential impact from an equality perspective.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

Based upon the information submitted, Horsham District Council is satisfied, as determining authority, that the timing and duration of the onshore site preparation works for the Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a is appropriate and acceptable for the specific purposes identified.

The documentation provided is therefore considered suitable to satisfy the partial discharge of Requirement 10, for the purposes of the Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a.

*Conclusion*

For the reasons given above, it is recommended that Requirement 10 (2) is partially discharged for the purposes of Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a.

**Recommendation: Application Permitted**

INFORMATIVE

This decision only relates to the above-mentioned requirement. All other terms and conditions of the Development Consent Order, where relevant, must be fully complied with.

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**Plans list for: DISC/26/0128**

(The approved plans will form Condition 1 on the Decision Notice of all Permitted applications)

Schedule of plans/documents **approved**:

| Plan Type       | Description                                                                                                      | Drawing Number | Received Date |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Plans           | Onshore SI Campaign 2a - Area for Site Preparation Works Plan 1                                                  | 006807176 01   | 21.04.2026    |
| Supporting Docs | 006796638-01 REV 01 Date 16/04/206 DCO Requirement 10(2) Discharge Request in relation to Rampion 2 Onshore Site |                | 21.04.2026    |

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|  | Investigation Campaign 2a for the Approval of Horsham District Council |  |  |
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