



Rampion 2
WIND FARM

**DCO Requirement 38 Discharge Request in
relation to Rampion 2 Onshore Site
Investigation Campaign 2a
for the Approval of Horsham District Council**

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this document

The Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm Order 2025 was made on the 4th of April 2025. The Development Consent Order ('the DCO') came into force on the 28th of April 2025.

Rampion Extension Development Limited (the Developer) seeks to conduct a campaign of site investigation in 2026. These activities fall under the definition of 'Site Preparation Works' in the DCO. A subset of the DCO Requirements presented in Schedule 1, Part 3 of the DCO are applicable to such Site Preparation Works.

This document serves to provide Horsham District Council – the Relevant Discharging Authority - the information necessary for the approval of the Requirement 38 in Schedule 1, Part 3 of the DCO specifically in relation to this stage of Site Preparation Works: 'Onshore Site Investigation Campaign 2a'.

The full description of this stage of Site Preparation Works and a site plan confirming the location has been submitted as supplementary information that accompanies this Request for discharge.

1.2 The DCO Requirement details

REQUIREMENT 38 - Vegetation Retention and Removal

This is the relevant Requirement wording from the DCO that has been considered:

PART 3, Requirement 38 .

Vegetation retention and removal

38.—(1) No stage of works landward of MLWS is to commence until a vegetation retention and removal plan (which accords with the outline vegetation retention and removal plan) has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority.

(2) Any vegetation retention and removal plan submitted under paragraph (1) may cover one or more stage of the onshore works.

(3) The vegetation retention and removal plan for each stage must be implemented as approved.

2 BASIS FOR THE DISCHARGE OF THE REQUIREMENT

Requirement 38 Annex 1 presents the Vegetation Retention and Removal Plan (VRRP) – showing the area that is subject to Site Preparation Works under SI Campaign 2a.

Requirement 38 Annex 1- Onshore SI Phase 2a: Site Specific Vegetation Retention and Removal Plan for Discharge of Requirement 38 is in accordance with the Rampion 2 [Outline Vegetation Retention and Removal Plan \(Aug 2024, clean\)](#). It shows the complete extent of losses and retention permitted by the DCO.

For clarity and as stated on the Plan – for this specific stage of site preparation there is no proposed loss of any of the mapped vegetation.

The principle is that vegetation loss for the SI Campaign Phase 2a is avoided and that the VRRP is strictly followed in terms of adhering to retention of the key habitats established in the Rampion 2 Outline Vegetation and Removal Plan (2024).

Generally the intrusive activities that form part of SI Campaign 2a have been sited in fields where possible. Some vegetation management is envisaged – for example strimming may be needed for clear and safe access for the geophysical investigations. For enabling vehicular access strimming and light pruning of woody branches may be necessary. Any such vegetation disturbance will be under the watch of the Environmental Clerk of Works. All those areas where bore holes are drilled and standpipes are installed will be stripped and then reinstated following removal of the water monitoring equipment. Those areas marked for trial pits and the starter pits for bore holes will be reinstated with the topsoil and existing seed mix within the couple of days of the works being completed.