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Attn of Owain George

Dear Sirs

Proposed Rampion Offshore Wind Farm
Your Ref 140910_EN010032_243108

Thank you for your letter of 14 September regarding the "scoping opinion" for the above project. Fulking Parish Council would like to make the following comments in relation to the environmental statement.

- There should be no overhead cables over the South Downs
- The path of the underground cables needs to be assessed in terms of likely long-term damage to the land. There should be no digging up of the Downs as this will scar the landscape. For example, the scars of the old railway track up to the Devils Dyke at Poynings which were removed in 1909 can still be seen today. For this reason underground cables next to the River Adur from Shoreham might be a possible route.
- If underground cables pass through the Downs this should be via the horizontal drilling method (referred to in the Scoping Report) which would not involve digging up the Downs. One area that could be explored is removing the overhead cables that pass over the Downs at Fulking and combining all the cables to be put underground.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Paula Hazard
Parish Clerk

cc South Downs National Park Authority - Andrew Shaxson (Chair Planning Committee)
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