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Dear Sir,

**Proposed Rampion Offshore Wind Farm
E.ON Climate and Renewables
Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009**

Thank you for your letter of 14th September 2010 re the above.

The site of this proposed wind farm lies off the coast of Sussex. The boundary of the South Downs National Park extends to the coast to the east of Brighton, at Telscombe Cliffs and between Seaford and Eastbourne, a stretch of coastline defined as Heritage Coast. The main concern for the National Park Authority would therefore be the potential visual impact of the proposed windfarm from these stretches of coastline and from the higher ground of the Downs near the Coast. The EIA should therefore include a seascape/visual impact assessment.

The Seven Sisters Voluntary Marine Conservation Area lies to the west of the proposed windfarm, and the EIA should include an assessment of ecological impacts, including any on the VMCA.

The landfall of the power line from the proposed windfarm would be somewhere in the vicinity of Shoreham, from where it would head north through the National Park towards the existing 440kv line at Bolney. I do not know if this element of the scheme also falls within the scope of the EIA, but if so, then the impact of this line on landscape, archaeology and ecology should also be considered.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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