



Environmental Project Liaison Group meeting: Tuesday 8th December, 1pm-2.30pm at Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Office, 20 New Road, Brighton, BN1 1UF

Notes from meeting

Firstly, here is a link to the Rampion team's update presentation – :
<https://www.eonenergy.com/About-eon/our-company/generation/planning-for-the-future/wind/offshore/rampion-offshore-wind-farm/project-information/~media/Content%20Editors/ECR/Rampion/Public%20Communication%20Documents/1601%20Rampion%20presentation%20for%20website%20Final.pdf>

Chris Tomlinson (Development Manager), Neville Horton (Offshore Construction Manager), Eleri Owen (Offshore Consents Manager) Richard Carpenter (Onshore Cable Package Manager), Raphaele Madignier (Onshore Substation Package Manager), Philip Tarren (Onshore Substation Site Manager) and John Barnes (Onshore Substation Consents Manager) were all present to update attendees of the progress of both on- and offshore work on the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm. Please see the slide show for more details on this.

Some questions and comments were raised in the meeting:

Q Will you be reinstating turf all along the road verges?

A We always aim to repair road verges where we have caused damage, although at some times of year this is not possible. We will carry out such remedial works in the spring when the weather will support the best recovery.

Q Is it true you have a mitigation fund for improvements and so on? Can we contribute to ideas if so?

A There is not a mitigation fund as such. However, there is a Section 106 Fund which has been paid to the South Downs National Park Authority and we are also due to announce a Rampion Community Benefit Fund in March/April 2016. However, the construction work and engagement around that has to take priority at the moment.

Q From within this fund, is there going to be a possibility of an education centre?

A There will be an Visitor Centre, but at the moment we can't announce details. We are intending for this facility to raise awareness of Rampion and renewable energy, benefit the community and support education initiatives through accommodating school classroom sessions.

Q Offshore, can we expect much disturbance to the seabed when work on the foundations for the turbines begins?

A The foundations are piled in so there is limited disturbance to the seabed surrounding the foundation location. However, the method used to install the array and export cables involves trenching, much like the onshore cabling work, and the

trenches then get filled back in. There may still be some material either side of the trench but the tides move and settle this over time.

Q Do you have a Twitter page? Can we retweet any information that may be useful to our colleagues such as job opportunities?

A We have had a Facebook page in the past, but we didn't find it effective, so our newly branded website will have a page dedicated to recruitment.

Meetings coming up:

All PLG representatives will be invited to a major stakeholder event we plan to hold in April 2016 when offshore work has begun, where we aim to show some video footage of the work underway and share an update with interested parties, politicians and media.

In the meantime, we do encourage you to spread the word to keep people with an interest up to date on the construction project.

The next PLG updates will be held in June 2016.