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## PARISH COUNCIL **REJECTS** Rampion 2 Wind Farm Proposals



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# Objections to Rampion 2 Wind Farm Proposals

At the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st September 2021 a vote was taken with regard to the proposals for the Rampion 2 Wind Farm. Parish Councillors agreed to **OBJECT** and the reasons for objecting to this project are as follows. The Parish Council's objection has been submitted to the Rampion 2 Formal Consultation document response form

The Parish Council have also notified the following of its decision, RWE, Local Residents Associations, Arun District Council, West Sussex County Council, Local MP's and other Government officials with responsibility for climate change.

## Parish Council's Reasons for **OBJECTING** to Rampion 2 Wind Farm Proposals

- The UK Government has formally declared a Climate Emergency and a 68% reduction in Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2030 and to make the UK a net zero carbon emitter by 2050. The Parish Council **SUPPORTS** these targets.
- **Rampion 2 Proposals** - The Parish Council has to make a decision on Rampion 2 based on the proposals that are in the Formal Consultation Document, these proposals have not been confirmed and can be amended when RWE present their proposals for examination following the responses to the Formal Consultation document. There are concerns that any amendment to the proposals will not come back to the Parish Council for consideration and it would be more beneficial if RWE agreed their final proposals now and that the Formal Consultation document be extended until more detailed information is available for the community to review

There are a number of other important factors to be considered in respect of the Rampion 2 proposals and these include:

- **Area of Search** - This was defined for the scoping report but has been changed following RWE meetings with technical and environmental specialists. The area of search where the turbines will be located will only be 8 miles from the shore. This does not meet Government Guidelines in respect of offshore wind farms which should be 14-25 miles from the shore, the Prime Minister back in 2020 also made a statement highlighting the value of seascapes and the need to minimise the environmental impact with regard to wind farm projects. The Parish Council requires that the Government Guidelines be adhered to. RWE cannot go out further than the 8 miles offshore due to shipping lanes so the Parish Council cannot accept this position and therefore **OBJECTS** on this basis and recommends that Rampion 2 be located at a site that can meet the Government Guidelines.
- **Turbines** - The same number of turbines (116) have been proposed which is the same as Rampion 1. What has not been

agreed is the size of the turbine, Rampion 1 turbines consent was for a height of 210 metres with 140 metre turbines being built. With the technological improvements the proposed height of the turbines for Rampion 2 is 210-325 metres. So Rampion 2 will have much higher turbines erected by up to 1.5 times or 2.3 times than Rampion 1 with the same distance from the shore. Each turbine will also emit a red light on a 24/7 basis which at night will be seen for miles and the turbines being only 8 miles from the shore will have a significant impact on those householders who live close to the shore. The Parish Council are concerned that this level of increase in height will make the turbines more visible from the shore and it will be detrimental to the seascape, it will impact on the views for residents and tourists as well as other sites such as the South Downs National Park. It is the Parish Council position to **OBJECT** to Rampion 2 based on the height of the turbines and the visual impact they will have being only 8 miles from the shore

- **Impact on Environment** - There are a number of factors to be considered both offshore and onshore. Offshore we have much larger turbines and we do not know what effect this will have on birds having to seek new flight corridors not between Rampion 1 and now Rampion 2. What effect will it have when the turbines are being erected on the seabed and the plants and creatures that live in these waters, the loss of breeding grounds for Black Bream, Lobsters and Crabs and it is important that these are not disturbed
- Onshore will see a detrimental effect on the countryside with the laying of offshore cables from Climping to Bolney, although these will be underground the initial work will affect the wildlife throughout any route it takes when finally agreed. The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to Rampion 2 based on the significant affect this will have on the environment.
- **South Downs National Park** - the proposed wind farm will be sited in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which

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## Objections to Rampion 2 Wind Farm Proposals

includes the South Downs National Park and this has the highest degree of protection in law. Approval of Rampion 1 has seen the South Downs National Park being subjected to the laying of cables for the project to meet its onshore need and Rampion 2 proposals will see this happen again at the expense of this heritage site. There are better locations for Rampion 2 and to protect the South Downs National Park from further devastation the Parish Council sees this as a reason for **OBJECTING** to Rampion 2 proposals.

- **Tourism & Economic Impact** - Middleton-on-Sea and Elmer villages sit between Bognor Regis and Littlehampton. Both Bognor Regis and Littlehampton offer more facilities but visitors come to Middleton-on-Sea and Elmer for the sea views and the excellent quality of the sea water. The effect that Rampion 2 will have in respect of the sea views which with 116 turbines at possibly 325 metres high will be seen as a blot on the landscape and ruin the views that visitors previously had when visiting.

It is difficult to quantify the level of reduction in tourism that Rampion 2 could bring to the parish but it will have a negative effect on shops, pubs and other establishments especially if as expected that both Bognor Regis and Littlehampton show a much more significant degree of reduction in tourism which will cause a number of businesses to close.

The Parish Council therefore **OBJECT** to Rampion 2 on the basis that this will be detrimental to the parish and larger towns.

- **Benefits of Rampion 1 & 2** - With Rampion 1 operational and with the benefits in terms of clean, green electricity that it provides, these benefits would increase significantly if it was located at a better site but Rampion 1 exists. It does not mean that Rampion 2 should follow on being in the wrong location, not meeting government guidelines in respect of miles offshore or the other objections raised above.

There are better sites around the UK coast where the government guidelines can be met (14-25 miles offshore) and where the increased height of the turbines are more acceptable than what is proposed in Rampion 2. The more acceptable sites are in the North Sea, Dogger Bank and off the Cornish coast. All these sites offer much better benefits in terms of increased wind strength. Rampion 2 if approved will be at a site that has much less wind so why site at a location that does not provide the most benefit to RWE in terms of investment. By locating it in the North Sea, Dogger Bank or off the Cornish Coast RWE will see significant benefits that it cannot achieve by being off the Sussex Coast, although it

may be less expensive to install on the West Sussex Coast it will take longer for RWE to get a return on its investment if compared to Rampion 2 being sited in a more beneficial area. On the basis that Rampion 2 should be located in an area that can meet Rampion 2 proposals the Parish Council therefore **OBJECT** to Rampion 2

**Local MP's Rejection of Rampion 2** - Recently two local MP's have issued statements opposing Rampion 2 and their reasons in the main relate to those raised above.

**Rampion 2** - Formal Consultation Document Issues – RWE company policy to only have virtual meetings even after the government restrictions were lifted on the 19th July 2021 made it difficult for residents in the parish to get a clear understanding of the proposals being made and the need to answer questions to get a clear understanding of the project. It would have been useful if RWE had hired out the village hall for a day, invited ALL residents to attend and meet directly with RWE staff to look at the marketing material and ask questions.

At a recent public meeting organised by the Parish Council to discuss Rampion 2 at which RWE made a presentation of their proposals parishioners were concerned of the lack of creating public awareness and the inability to advise householders of the consultation as detailed in their Statement of Community Consultation.

The main concern related to 'Whom Rampion would consult in the community'. Under Zone 3 of the Statement of Community Consultation this relates to the coastal area. RWE state as follows, 'Those persons or groups whose property is within 100 metres of the Sussex Coastline between Beachy Head and Selsey Bill, and the eastern coastline of the Isle of Wight between Seaview and Ventnor' will be consulted. It would appear that a large number of households who would be included under Zone 3 have not received any information from RWE in respect of Rampion 2 and therefore the consultation process has not met its requirements and the formal consultation deadline of the 16th September 2021 needs to be extended for a further 6 weeks to enable these householders to review the proposals for Rampion 2 and to decide if they wish to support or object to the project.

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If however, the land on the opposite side of the watercourse is not in your ownership, you are presumed to be the joint riparian owner with the land owner on the other side. There is a presumption, in this case, that each party owns up to the centre line of the watercourse and is therefore responsible up to this point.

### Your rights:

- To receive a flow of water in its natural state, without undue interference in quality or quantity.
- To protect your land from erosion and your property against flooding.

### Your responsibilities:

- To maintain the watercourse and to clear any obstructions (natural or otherwise) so the normal flow of water is not impeded.
- To accept the natural flow from your upstream neighbour and transfer it downstream without obstruction, pollution or diversion.
- To maintain the banks and bed of the watercourse (including trees and shrubs growing on the banks) and any flood defences that exist on it.æ
- To maintain any structures on your stretch of watercourse including culverts, weirs and mill gates.
- To keep the bed and banks clear from any matter that could cause an obstruction and

clearing any debris, natural or otherwise, even if it did not originate from your land.

### What happens if a riparian owner does not undertake their responsibilities?

The maintenance and clearance of ordinary watercourses is vital to local flood risk management. If you fail to maintain the free flow of a watercourse, and flooding occurs as a result, the local authority can request you to maintain the watercourse and you could face legal action.

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**avisford.friends@gmail.com** or by phoning:

**Gill Henry 07884213699**

*(after 27th September due to family holiday).*

You can also view our activities on the friends website:

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*We look forward to hearing from you.*



## Parish Council Update



# Parish Council Update



**NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR APPOINTED** – At the Parish Council meeting on the 21st July 2021 Ms Pamela Godfrey was elected onto the Parish Council. Following a presentation to the Parish Council a number of questions were asked and then the committee went into a ‘Confidential Business’ session to consider her application. Members agreed unanimously to elect Pamela Godfrey who after signing the necessary documents took her position on the Parish Council.

**OVERHANGING BRANCHES AND OVERGROWN VEGETATION** – A reminder to residents that if you have overhanging branches or overgrown vegetation that makes it difficult to walk on pavement and/or footpaths then can you please make sure these are cut back so that people walking, pushing prams, dog walking and walking with children do not have to move onto a road to get past the obstruction. If you could kindly inspect your property and do any maintenance that would be much appreciated.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – meetings of the full Parish Council and its Sub-Committees are all now being held in the rear hall of the Jubilee Hall following the relaxation of the Government guidelines on meeting numbers.

All meetings have a Public Discussion period where you can come along and speak with Parish Councillors on any issue you may have.

Meeting dates and times for each committee can be found on the website or you can contact the

**Parish Clerk on 01243 585262**

or by email on:

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**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

**[www.middleton-on-sea.co.uk](http://www.middleton-on-sea.co.uk)**

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<b>Middleton Art Group</b>	Jubilee Hall, Shrubbs Field	Carole Keen	<b>01243 584399</b>
<b>Bridge Club</b>	Jubilee Hall, Shrubbs Field	Roger Bill	<b>01243 582548</b>
<b>Elmer Entertainers</b>	Jubilee Hall, Shrubbs Field	Rosemary Phillips	<b>01243 584254</b>
<b>Felpham Flower Club</b>	Memorial Hall, Vicarage Lane	Sandra Dean	<b>01243 542684</b>
<b>Felpham &amp; Middleton Country Dance Club</b>	Small Jubilee Hall, Middleton	Barbara Oakley	<b>01243 582627</b>
<b>Felpham &amp; Middleton Horticultural Society</b>	St. Mary's Centre, Felpham	Paula Puleston (Member Sec)	<b>01243 584843</b>
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<b>Middleton Camera Club</b>	Jubilee Hall, Shrubbs Field	Steve McKye	<b>01243 696438</b>
<b>Middleton-on-Sea Women's Institute</b>	Scout Hall, Shrubbs Field	Sally Isherwood	<b>01243 586214</b>
<b>Modern Sequence Dancing</b>	Jubilee Hall, Shrubbs Field	Pam Green	<b>01243 585192</b>
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Prior to his ordination he read History at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and theology (BA) at the Evangelical School of Theology in Wroclaw, Johannes a Lasco Methodist Theological College in Warsaw and at the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw. He also has a degree in Theology (MA) from Durham University. In between Fr. Dominik also became a stained glass artist and an iconographer!

Along the way Fr. Dominik met and married Barbara and they have 3 children the eldest of whom is at University.

For his ordination training he moved to Oxford where he trained at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Fr. Dominik was appointed to the parishes of Arundel and South Stoke in June 2019 where he served as Assistant Curate. Now we, at St Nicholas MOS, are delighted to announce that the Bishop has seconded him to serve from September 1st 2021 in our Parish!

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Contact: Linda Wilson **01243 867899**

## November

- 5 Alexandra Theatre presents:**  
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## December

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# Arun District Council Wellbeing Programme



## PROGRAMME *Find out what Arun DC Wellbeing can do to help you:*

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- Set a quit date
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**Wellbalanced for Wellbeing** - If you are feeling less

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**Wellbeing Home** - This service supports people who are in fuel poverty and those with health conditions affected by cold homes. Support available to improve the warmth of your home, reduce energy bills and other advice.

**Family Wellbeing** - If you are concerned about your child's weight and would like support to help them lead a healthy lifestyle then Family Wellbeing are able to support you with 1-1 sessions, tailor made for you and your family?

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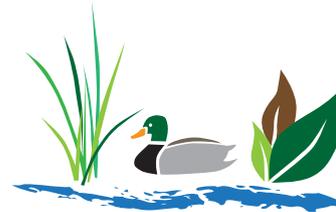
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### WANTED

**The Friends of Middleton-on-Sea Pond and Green Charity would like to invite two new members to join their committee.**

We would welcome anyone who is as passionate about conserving and managing this much loved community asset as we are, with the skills or knowledge to compliment and support the current trustees.

For example you may have experience organising fundraising events, the ecological environment or other practical skills.



Friends of  
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If you would be interested in joining this small friendly committee please contact **Nicky Mills** (Chairman) on **01243 586526** for an informal chat.



Don's Diaries

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FRIENDS OF MIDDLETON-ON-SEA POND AND GREEN (CHARITY NO: 1170594)

What a mixed Summer we are having weather wise. Sun, wind, rain, hail,thunder and lightning, but luckily sun seems to be now with us on the majority of days. The Pond and Green seem to have benefited from the cocktail of weather, and is as green as it has ever been for the time of year.

Pond water levels have stayed high, with water still lapping the banks and 2.5m depth in the deepest area excavated last year when we had the de-silting done. This has meant that all the bankside plants have flourished with much more colour from the flowering varieties. Clearly the work we did last year has encouraged this improvement but the higher water table this year was equally important.



One of the big benefits of the Pond holding more water this year is the large number of dragonflies and damselflies that can be seen skimming the Pond in the sun. Having retained water in the Pond for the first time in many years frogs, newts and other water dwellers will be able to complete their full lifecycle this year.

The new seat at the southern end of the Pond (again made from 4,000 plastic bottles) is being well used and gives a nice

south to north vista across the Pond. We are very grateful to Paul Arkle and the First Middleton Scout Group for part sponsoring the seat and base.



As reported in the last edition, the moorhen had her second brood of chicks, 5 in total, and then surprised us all by having a third brood of 3 in the other duck house. So a total of 15 chicks this year! The mallard having been bullied by male admirers

didn't return, so no mallard chicks this year.

Despite planting wild flower seed and plugs on various areas on the Green, having germinated they fell foul of slugs and snails as well as lack of sunlight in some areas, so were not as successful as we had hoped. As always we live and learn, and will reconsider our strategy for next year.

Our work parties have continued to meet every 4 weeks to keep on top of noxious plants such as wild blackberry and to clear ivy from the woodland area ready for more autumn planting of primroses and bulbs.

Thank you all for your continued interest in what is happening at the Pond and Green. Please continue to support us where you can.

Stay safe and healthy
Your Trustees

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# West Sussex County Council Draft Transport Plan



## West Sussex County Council DRAFT TRANSPORT PLAN 2022-2036



**West Sussex County Council has published the Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 (WSTP) for consultation from Friday 16th July to Friday 8th October.**

They are reviewing the WSTP to update the County Council’s approach to managing and investing in the transport network. The Draft Plan is available to view at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPconsultation](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPconsultation) along with additional documents including a Draft Plan snapshot, Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and an Evidence Base document. Please provide your feedback via the online survey form also available at the above link by Friday 8th October.

In autumn, 2020, WSCC invited views about the key transport issues and priorities through the WSTP review survey. Respondents expressed a range of concerns such as impacts on the environment, congestion, and road safety, rat-running, lack of cycling infrastructure, rural accessibility and the impacts of planned development, and this information has been taken into account in preparation of the draft Plan. The report from this survey, and further information about the Draft Plan consultation is also available at: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPconsultation](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPconsultation).

This information has been used to develop the Draft WSTP, which sets out how the County Council intends to address

challenges including:

- Transport emissions and climate change
- A growing and ageing population
- Rural isolation
- Public health and wellbeing
- Congestion
- Road Safety

Hard reference copies of the Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036, the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Evidence Base Document are being printed and will be made available to view at libraries across West Sussex shortly – please also check the WSCC website to see when these documents will be available to view.

If you have any questions, would like to receive the information for the consultation in a different format, or would like to get in touch with the team, please contact:

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## In Touch with Jacky Pendleton

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## West Sussex County Councillor for Middleton Division

(includes Clymping, Elmer, Ford, Middleton-on-Sea and Yapton)

### Hi

It's been a busy summer as a Councillor. I was hoping to be able to take a break but not much chance of that I'm afraid. Never mind.

I have had some interesting surgeries over the summer period. My surgery at the Jubilee Hall raised, amongst other issues, concerns around the use of Shrubbs Field by youngsters playing loud music and potentially indulging in various unacceptable activities. I have been working with our local Police Community Support Officer and the Parish Council to tackle this, whilst still respecting the fact that young adults need somewhere to be. This has meant talking to individuals and getting them to understand others' needs – I have to say that, on the whole, I've had a very positive response and very few dismissive behaviours. Our youngsters are generally quite respectful and I very much appreciate that.

A further issue raised by Middleton residents was about controlling the speeding traffic on our roads, particularly in and around Comet Corner. As you all probably know, there are plans in motion to provide a new roundabout at Comet Corner as well as upgrading all the other junctions on the piece of the A259 west of Littlehampton Bridge. WSCC are reticent to spend any interim money on traffic calming schemes in the area of Comet Corner given that the whole new scheme should be delivered in 2 or 3 years time at a substantial cost. Unfortunately, a good idea about installing speed cameras, has not met with approval at WSCC. One of the reasons for this is that there's currently no mechanism to request new fixed enforcement cameras within West Sussex. All existing installations are operated and maintained by Sussex Police via the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership. The Police determine where they operate mobile devices and requests for this type of enforcement can be made to them direct.

As you know, during my election campaign last May, one of the burning issues locally was provision of Children & Family Centres in our local area. Yapton Centre took a lot of the air-time but we also have a centre in Felpham and I'm pleased to say that the Felpham Centre plan to continue to provide some services for our families, particularly those provided by the NHS. The Early Help service provided by WSCC to families who need support will however not be provided from the centre, as clients have asked for this to be provided in their own homes and so that's what WSCC's going to do. With regard to the Yapton Children & Family Centre, I am encouraging a local group to work toward keeping it open as a community facility.

Parking along Elmer Road and in Sea Lane has been another issue which has raged over the summer period. Enforcement, authorised by WSCC and provided by Arun District Council has been in place and although residents thought that refreshing the double yellow lines in Elmer Road was needed, I have been assured by the Enforcement Officer at ADC that the lines are perfectly able to be seen enough to enforce illegal parking. The lines will however be refreshed in the future when the programme cycle is achieved.

Then of course we have our beaches. We were first inundated with seaweed and then to add insult to injury, Southern Water decided to discharge sewage into the sea which ended up on our beaches intermingling with the excessive piles of seaweed. It was extremely unpleasant. Firstly, residents called for removal of the seaweed and I'm sorry to say that seaweed on our beaches is considered a natural phenomenon which is got rid of naturally by the tides. Some residents asked if farmers could be encouraged to take it away, but it is my

understanding that they do not necessarily want it because of potential pollutants. Then of course the sewage! Southern Water's behaviour, although I have to stress is quite within the legal agreements, is not acceptable and ADC are working with both the Environment Agency and Southern Water to minimise these dreadful discharges.

On behalf of the village, I have thanked WSCC Fire Services, for their efforts in dealing with the awful fire in one of the village houses. Our thoughts go out to the residents affected and hope that they are able to come to terms with the loss and move forward in due course. I'm sure the village support that has been experienced by them has helped to some degree to offset very obvious emotional trauma.

The proposals to develop a larger waste incinerator facility at Ford by Grundon/Viridor should now come to WSCC Planning Committee on October 12th. However, I'm keeping a watchful eye on this so that I'm able to object on behalf of all our residents who will be affected by the polluted emissions which will be ejected from the 80m high chimney. There is always the chance that it might be delayed until November or December but I will keep residents informed as soon as I know more.

An important step has been taken by WSCC Property Department to declare the land at The Paddock, Elms Farm, Ancton Lane, MoS surplus to requirements. The County Council holds the freehold of this land as it also does for the farmhouse building, out buildings and farmyard which was previously declared surplus. The new declaration comprises a paddock and grazing area. The land is currently let on a short-term Farm Business Tenancy but will be marketed in due course.

For those of you who would like to talk to me about our village, improvements to our village, issues and just 'good ideas' please get in touch with me direct (see contact details below). Alternatively, if you would like to come along and chat at one of my surgeries, dates, places and times are given below – I'd welcome you at any of the surgeries regardless of which village they are actually held in at the time:

- **Thursday 9th September** - Clymping St. Mary's Church Hall Church Lane
- **Wednesday 13th October** - Middleton on Sea Jubilee Hall rear meeting room
- **Wednesday 17th November** - Yapton Village Hall small meeting room
- **Wednesday 22nd December** - Clymping St. Mary's Church Hall Church Lane

I look forward to meeting up with you whenever you have something to raise with me.

*Take care*

**Jacky Pendleton**

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