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Dear Meera,

Thank you for copying me into your many communications with Rampion. As I have stated before to you, I agree that the process of consultation and communication has been less than satisfactory, and it is disappointing that Rampion are not being forthcoming with the information you seek.

As discussed when we met in my surgery in Pulborough, the next stage for Rampion 2 will be to submit their application as a Development Consent Order (DCO). This will provide a further period of representations for yourselves and affected residents, I will of course be making representations too. I should make clear that although Rampion 2 is classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), this does not automatically give the project a green light.

The planning inspectorate will have a period of around 28 days to decide if the application meets the standards required for examination. This will be followed by the pre-examination stage when the public will be able to register with the Planning Inspectorate to become an *Interested Party* by making a relevant representation in writing. An examining authority is also appointed at the pre-examination stage, and all interested parties will be invited to attend a preliminary meeting, run and chaired by the examining authority. I believe that this is the stage you need to be ready for to submit all of your findings and strong reasons for objection. You will have my full support.

I hope this is helpful in terms of the way forward.

Kind regards,


Andrew Griffith MP