

From: Robert Finley [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2025 11:35
To: Rampion2
Subject: Objection to Rampion 2 siting a substation at Oakendene,

Dear Sirs,

I am writing regarding the Rampion 2 proposals specifically the siting of the substation at Oakendene in Cowfold at the end of the plan, this needs to be reviewed in relation to the damage it will do to the countryside and where less damaging alternatives exist. We have already seen how Rampion's surveys have been discredited by the findings of others such as Natural England who have included Cratemans Meadow in their Priority Habitat Inventory and as the UK has lost 97% of its wildflower meadows since WW2 it would be a disaster to choose this route. Rampion's opinion through their surveys was that this meadow was 'poor semi-improved grassland' which just goes to show how they have acted on not just this subject but on many others to do with the this chosen route. Being a homeowner close to the proposed site I am concerned at the loss of ancient trees and hedgerows which makes this special area what it is and is home to rare species such as Nightingales for breeding sky larks, Insects, badgers and other rare species. Once again Rampion have downplayed the importance of these issues in their finding's, but we have gathered evidence to show that we are correct, and Rampion are wrong. I would question Rampion's assessment of the impact that their huge vehicles will cause on Kent Street lane which is a poor-quality single-track lane used by motor vehicles, horses, runners, ramblers, dog walkers and cyclists. They claim they can manage the traffic but this lane comes out onto the A272 which is a very busy road and gets busier every year due to the increasing population so once again I question their ability to do this. The visual impact of this substation at the end of a country lane even though they talk about screening it, will be totally out of keeping with the area and will spoil the views for the many walkers around the lake and Taintfield wood. The area at Oakendene is prone to flooding and photographic evidence has been provided to this effect, but we can't trust Rampion's promise that it will not be a problem then find out when it's too late that it is an issue for them and incurs further expense and disruption. These are only some of the main points but noise, air and light pollution and years of disruption to locals and visitors needs to be taken into account. I understand that Rampion have to prove that the benefits outweigh the harms but given what I have seen and heard from them they are underplaying the harms to suit their agenda, but we have discredited a lot of their findings. The UK is the most nature depleted in the world, so it makes no sense to deplete it further.

Yours

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