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Subject: Urgent please: Alison Griffiths MP: Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm (Case Ref: AG03284)

Good morning,

Please find attached a letter from Alison Griffiths to the Secretary of State for his urgent consideration please, together with a copy of a letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for his information.

With best wishes,

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The Rt Hon Edward Miliband MP
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Our Ref: AG03284 31 December 2024

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm

I appreciate from the response that I received from Michael Shanks of 13th December, in his capacity as Energy Minister, that you cannot comment upon your consideration of the Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm proposal.

Nonetheless, I would like to draw to your attention my subsequent letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. As you will see from the enclosed copy letter, I have highlighted to Mr. Reed the impact of coastal erosion upon Clymping Beach and its surrounding areas.

As I understand it, should you decide to give the go ahead for the project, planning permission will be granted upon the basis that the beach will be made good.

This would, as set out in my letter to Mr. Reed, be a unique opportunity to vary that to insist that the beach be improved instead – crucially including installing proper permanent flood defences to enable both the regeneration of the beach and prevent further roads and properties from falling into the sea.

Before you make a decision I would be grateful if you could discuss the matter with your colleague. I would be happy to meet with you and your officials or to provide further information if that would be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,



Alison Griffiths MP
Member of Parliament for Bognor Regis and Littlehampton

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The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP
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Our Ref: AG03284 31 December 2024

Dear Secretary of State

Re: Rampion 2 Offshore Wind Farm

As you may already be aware, the above-detailed planning application is currently being considered by your colleague, Ed Miliband.

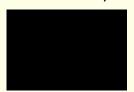
I would like to draw to your particular attention the significance of the application for Clymping Beach and its surrounding areas, given the extensive coastal erosion in the area. I would be grateful if you could discuss the matter with your colleague.

By way of background, the area is under threat from increasing coastal erosion. Properties have already been lost to the sea and houses and businesses in the Clymping area, including the Bailiffs Court historic hotel are now at risk. Local road infrastructure has been jeopardised, including the A259. Should the A259, below the A27, be lost there would be nowhere for the traffic to go as the Arundel bypass has been cancelled.

As I understand it, should Mr. Miliband decide to give the go ahead for the project, planning permission will be granted upon the basis that the beach will be made good. This would be a unique opportunity to vary that to insist that the beach be improved instead — crucially including installing proper permanent flood defences to enable both the regeneration of the beach and prevent further roads and properties from falling into the sea.

I would be grateful for your consideration of this important matter and look forward to hearing from you. I would be happy to meet with you and your officials or to provide further information if that would be helpful to you.

Yours sincerely



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cc. Claire Cotinho, Shadow Secretary of State DEZNZ