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Sir/Madam,

I have voiced my concerns about the extension to Rampion Wind Farm to Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) and the Sussex kelp Recovery Project.

Here is my submission to you

I have been a Seasearch Diver with SWT since 2013, I was involved with Sussex IFCA with surveying for kelp in the Sussex inshore zone from 2018 in preparation for the Local Bye Law to ban inshore trawling.

I conduct regular dives off the Sussex coast with SWT particularly in the Marine Conservation Zones, and other areas surveying for kelp recovery, Black Bream recovery and changes to the ecology.

I have grave concerns about the impact Rampion 2 will have, particularly sedimentation in the sensitive Kingmere MCZ resulting from inshore cable laying and piling for the extension. This will severely impact on algal growth and Black Bream nesting and the ecology overall.

I have also dived to the west of Rampion 1 on a unique chalk reef - called "Betts Reef" by local fisherman. This area appears to be where Rampion 2 will be partially situated.

It is a unique honeycomb chalk reef supporting juvenile fish, sponges, hydroids, bryzoans, ranging in depth from 20-40m. Although it is too deep to support the growth of kelp and other algae it is an amazing place that I have dived with my Club- Brighton Sub Aqua Club. Dives were planned here in 2024, with SWT but were cancelled due to bad weather.

I have video and stills of Betts Reef available for your perusal.

Offshore Wind farms have an impact on the sea bed ecology, fortunately here in Sussex we have eyes on the sea bed- out of sight is definitely NOT out of mind,

Regards,

Christine Bohea

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