

Dear Mr Tomlinson

We would like to thank RWE for their briefing on 10th February 2021 to Ashurst Parish Council and local residents on the Rampion 2 project and the proposed route to connect the wind farm to the national grid network. We would like the following points to be recorded in your consultation process.

1. While Ashurst Parish Council and village residents are supportive of this renewable energy programme it became clear at the briefing that we have not been properly consulted on the proposed route of the onshore cable and the timescale of the installation process.
2. We are concerned at the short notice residents and landowners have been given to respond to the initial consultation and the short duration of the process. There is a feeling that the process is being rushed through to avoid opposition.
3. We request that meetings with individual landowners be held as a matter of urgency, bearing in mind the tight timescale of the project, to determine the best route for both parties, the most convenient timetable to access the land and to discuss future compensation.
4. In advance of these meetings, we request that you supply to landowners the detailed criteria for planning the route of the onshore cable. Also, please clarify if a landowner has the right to refuse access to their land.
5. We request that the period to reinstate the land is as short as possible.
6. We would also like to receive confirmation that replacement two for one trees, for woodland being destroyed during the construction process, is appropriate to the local environment and are not two metre high saplings which will take decades to mature. All saplings should have tree shelters to protect them from deer.
7. Please can you also provide information on your policy for dealing with areas containing rare wildlife and plants?
8. Before and during the construction programme there is a need for improved communications with residents in Ashurst and other local parishes by providing a centralised information point describing the construction process with detailed information and maps.

Yours Sincerely

Ashurst Parish Council