

Member Information Service

Cabinet Member Decision

None.

Committee Meetings

Please note that all meetings start at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, unless otherwise stated.

JUNE 2015

- 2 June – Cabinet Grants Panel @ 4.00 p.m.
- 8 June – Cabinet @ 4.00 p.m.
- 17 June – Scrutiny Committee for Leader and Service Delivery.
- 23 June – Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community.
- 24 June – Council.
- 25 June – Standards Committee.
- 30 June – Audit Committee.

PLANNING COMMITTEES

- 4 June – Planning Committee B.
- 11 June – District Planning Committee @ 2.00 p.m.
- 18 June – Planning Committee A.

PLEASE NOTE THAT a meeting of a Liquor Licensing Panel will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 3 June. The item on the agenda is for determination of an Objection Notice to Temporary Event Notice – Land behind 1a Breachlands, London Road, Albourne, BN6 9BJ

Agendas

Cabinet Grants Panel – 2 June 2015

Election of Chairman.
Appointment of Vice-Chairman.
To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 13 January 2015.
Corporate Grant Schemes.

PART I – RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

DM/15/0235 – 67 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9YL

<https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NIMM1SKT08C00>

PART II – RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL

DM/15/0446 – 14 Sycamore Drive, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3UJ

<https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NJ9AYVKT0C300>

PART III – OTHER MATTERS – None.

Member Training

All Member Training Sessions commence at 6.30 p.m. and are held in the Council Chamber

Date	Training Event
2015	
02 June	Planning
	This training session will provide an introduction to the planning application decision making process so that Members are able to justify decisions to applicants, residents and the Planning Inspectorate, avoid costly mistakes and enhance the Council's reputation as 'good people to do business with'.
	Please note that this training session is mandatory for members of Planning Committees. All other Members are invited to attend should they so wish.
16 June	District Plan making
8 July 3.00 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.	Licensing
09 September	Overview and Scrutiny
20 October	Safeguarding Please note that this training session is mandatory for all Members to attend
17 November	Data Protection and Freedom of Information
08 December	Housing and Anti-Social Behaviour
2016	
06 January	Finance and Corporate Plan
03 February	Economic Development and Town Centre Revitalisation

News Releases

For further information or copies of the press releases listed below, please contact the Press Office on 01444 477387 or use the following link:

e:mail: <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8485.htm>

PR 1955 - New look Cabinet for Mid Sussex District Council.

PR 1956 - New starter units under construction to help.

PR 1957 - Mid Sussex District Council elects new Chairman.

Information and News

Rampion Offshore Windfarm, Twineham

The Rampion Offshore Windfarm has just been given the greenlight to begin development having secured £1.3 billion from E.ON and the Green Investment Bank.

This 400MW windfarm (13km off the Sussex Coast) will consist of 116 turbines and generate enough electricity to supply 300,000 homes over the 25 year lifetime of the project.

Construction work will begin on Stage 1 in June 2015 at the onshore substation site in Twineham and continue through 12 onshore stages. It is envisaged that between 350 and 450 jobs will be provided during these stages. Offshore construction will begin early 2016 with completion of the windfarm likely in 2018.

Please find attached an Information Sheet outlining the construction timescales.

Do not hesitate to get in touch with Simon Hardy or Matthew Bird, the Council's Sustainability Officer (matthew.bird@midsussex.gov.uk) if you have any specific questions we can help with.

For further information please contact: Simon Hardy, Business Unit Leader, Leisure Operations, Community Services and Culture Section on 01444 47775454 or e-mail simon.hardy@midsussex.gov.uk

May 2015

Rampion Offshore Wind Farm

Construction Works
Information Leaflet

Robin Rigg Offshore Wind Farm, for illustrative purposes only.



Information for the community

We've produced this leaflet to make sure you have the information you need about our construction works, and how to get in touch with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Whether you live, work or travel in the development area, we'll keep you up to date with our plans throughout Rampion's construction. We'll also carry out work in a way that's sensitive to the needs of local communities, including:

- telling you where and when to expect construction works and what we're doing
- explaining any potential effects of construction and how we'll minimise the impact
- making it easy for you to get in touch with us, if you want to know more or have a complaint.

Onshore construction is planned to start from June 2015, over a period of two years. Most of the civil construction works that involve earth moving and lorry movements should be completed in the first year, with most of the second year set aside for electrical assembly and commissioning.

The offshore construction is scheduled to start in early 2016 for around two and a half years, so the wind farm will be completed and operating in 2018. The onshore works take place first so that when the first offshore turbine is installed, it can be connected to the national grid to generate electricity and allow for testing.

Indicative construction programme overview

	2015				2016				2017				2018			
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
Milestones																
Investment decision																
Fully operational																
Substation (stage 1)																
Civil and enabling works																
Mechanical and electrical build																
Commissioning																
Cable route (stages 2-12)																
Topsoil strip, duct installation and reinstatement																
Four main horizontal directional drills (HDDs)																
Cable pulling, jointing and commissioning																
Offshore works																
Foundation installation																
Cable installation																
Electrical installation																
Turbine installation																
Operation & Maintenance (O&M)																
O&M base construction																
Wind farm O&M activity																

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Construction in your local area

In order to provide a more tailored approach to our communications we've broken the onshore project down into 12 stages of construction:

- Stage 1:** Bolney substation crossings
- Stage 2:** Bob Lane and Herring Stream
- Stage 3:** Woodmancote, B2116 and A281
- Stage 4:** Three stream crossings and Horn Lane
- Stage 5:** Edburton Road
- Stage 6:** Tottington Mount and South Downs Way
- Stage 7:** Beeding Hill
- Stage 8:** Coombes Road and River Adur
Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD)
- Stage 9:** Five Ways Public Rights of Way (PRoW)
Crossing and Titch Hill
- Stage 10:** Lamleys Lane and A27 HDD exit pit
- Stage 11:** Upper Brighton Road to north of railway
- Stage 12:** North of railway to Brooklands

The onshore construction will start with the onshore substation (stage 1), followed soon after by the cable route trenching works. The cable route construction will start in the south at stage 12 and generally work northwards to stage 2, although weather and logistics may mean some changes in the order of construction. Prior to the start of works for each of these stages of construction, we'll write to those homes and businesses near to construction activities, to inform them of our construction plans.

This will include:

- a brief description of works
- the date the works are due to start and how long they'll last
- the lead contractor's details
- how you will be able to contact us for more information.

Cleve Hill Substation.

Onshore cable trench preparation.



How to find out more

There are a number of ways you can find out more about our construction plans.

Rampion website

Visit our website at eonenergy.com/rampion for details of our construction works, including our planned substation layout, cable route map, offshore wind farm layout and visual representation of what the wind farm will look like. Once confirmed, we'll publish construction start dates and a short description of the works for each stage, and when construction is well underway we'll share a photo library of construction.

Rampion newsletter

We'll be producing regular newsletters to keep you up to date with our plans. If you'd like us to send you a copy by email or post, please call us on **0800 2800 886** or email rampion@eon.com



Email alerts

When our construction works enter a new phase or area, we can email you to explain what the works will involve, when they're starting and how long they'll last. To sign up for email alerts please email us at rampion@eon.com

Information events

We'll be holding public information events throughout spring and summer, at a number of venues along our planned cable route, before construction starts. Please keep an eye on our website or get in touch with us to find out more.



Rampion exhibition at St. Pauls, Worthing, 25th February 2012.

Presentations to community and interest groups

If you'd like a member of the Rampion Team to visit your group to talk to you about the wind farm, our construction plans and answer any questions you may have, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Local media

We'll be working with the local media, including local papers, to keep you up to date with our construction news.

Partner websites

We're working with our partners to make sure as many people as possible know about our construction plans. West Sussex County Council and South Downs National Park Authority will have information on their websites and we've asked parish councils and other interest groups along the cable route to share our construction news with their communities.



Special interest user groups

We know some of you may have a particular business or recreational interest in the areas we'll be using during construction. Here's some more information you may find useful.

Archaeological interests

We carried out onshore surveys along the cable route in 2013, which included archaeological trial pits to identify any areas of archaeological sensitivity we may find during construction.

The county archaeologist will be on-site to monitor construction works in areas of sensitivity and identify any archaeological finds.



Archeological excavation on Island of Wyre, Orkney.

We'll use approved tailored construction methods in these areas, to increase the possibility of identifying, preserving or retrieving archaeological remains.

We're planning to hold an archaeological dig for local enthusiasts and groups at Tottington Mount, the site of a scheduled cross dyke monument. The event will include a talk on the history of the area and our special construction techniques. Please get in touch if you'd like to find out more (date to be confirmed).

Public Rights of Way (PRoW) users

There are a number of PRoWs along the cable route, including the popular South Downs Way National Trail and many others in the South Downs National Park and on the Weald. We'll do our best to keep PRoWs open during construction, but from time to time we may need to close or divert them temporarily.

We held a workshop for PRoW user groups in October 2014 and have set up a dedicated PRoW Project Liaison Group, who will meet quarterly throughout the two year onshore construction period. The workshop helped identify the most important PRoWs for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, as well as key junctions and roads linking them together. User groups also told us about important events and times of the year, and we'll aim to avoid them wherever we can.

Finally, we discussed the best way to communicate with PRoW users, to keep them up to date with construction news and minimise any inconvenience. As a result, we'll be putting signs up at key car parks and PRoW junctions, and we've asked those involved to share information through their websites and newsletters, including West Sussex County Council, South Downs National Park Authority, parish councils and PRoW user groups.

You can download our dedicated PRoW Communications Plan at eonenergy.com/rampion (which we've also made available to the organisations above). Alternatively, email us at rampion@eon.com for a copy of the plan and to sign up for PRoW email alerts.

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Final turbine installation, London Array, Thames Estuary.

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Divers and recreational sea users

For most of the three year offshore construction period, relatively small areas of the offshore wind farm site will be constructed at any one time. There will be a 500 metre (m) safety zone around each area, to protect sea users. Throughout construction, we'll update sea users regularly, so you know what, where and when works will be going on. We'll also appoint a Diving Liaison Officer who will work closely with the diving community.

You can find out more about our dedicated Diver Mitigation Plan, which includes a Safety Plan and Communications Plan, at eonenergy.com/rampion. Alternatively, email us at rampion@eon.com for a copy of the plan and to sign up for sea users email alerts.

Commercial fishing

We've been working closely with the local fishing industry since 2011, to minimise the impact of the wind farm and make sure we can work sustainably side by side. As a result, we've produced an overarching Coexistence Plan, setting out how we'll work together and manage safety, communication, mitigation and compensation. There are two Rampion working groups representing commercial fishing interests and they'll continue to meet regularly during construction. If you're a fisherman operating in and around our offshore site and you'd like to find out more about these groups please contact:

Company Fisheries Liaison Officer – **Brown & May Marine Ltd**

Email: courtney@brownmay.com

Phone: **01379 872 145**

Fishing Industry Representative – **David Guy**

Email: newhavenfish@gmail.com

Phone: **07980 591 631**

Brown & May Marine Ltd and David Guy will also be monitoring the Coexistence Plan throughout construction, to make sure any impacts are kept to a minimum.

→ Get in touch

You're welcome to get in touch with us at any time, if you have any questions or concerns or can't find the information you're looking for.

Freephone: **0800 2800 886**

Email: rampion@eon.com

Write to: **Rampion Offshore Wind Farm,
E.ON, 4th Floor, 20 New Road,
Brighton, BN1 1UF**

7am to 9pm, Monday to Saturday
(and on Sundays and evenings when
construction works are taking place.)

If you have a complaint

If you have a complaint during construction, please call our **Freephone number 0800 2800 886**.

Alternatively, you're welcome to get in touch with us using the options above. We'll respond within 24 hours and will get back to you with a full written response within 10 working days, once we've investigated your complaint, including details of our investigation and any actions taken.

We'll take responsibility for handling all enquiries and complaints during construction and will notify the relevant authority, wherever necessary. Please note: to provide you with the best possible service, we'll log all complaints and keep a record of your contact details.