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Feedback form

Proposals for AQUIND Interconnector



Welcome

You can fill out this form and leave it with us in the ballot box today. Alternatively, you can take it home and post it back to us using the FREEPOST envelopes provided.

The feedback deadline for this consultation is Wednesday 24th February 2018.

Your comments will be analysed by the consultant team. Copies may be made available, in due course, to statutory authorities so that your comments can be noted. We will however request that your personal details are not placed on the public record. Your personal details will be held securely by beg in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and any associated subsequent planning applications and, except as noted above, will not be passed to any third parties.

If you have any difficulties, require this questionnaire in an alternative format, or would like to find out more information before answering these questions, please call 01962 893869 and speak to a member of the team.

Contact details

Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Email (optional):

Phone (optional):

Please note that we cannot accept totally anonymous responses. Any anonymous responses will not be considered in a review of the feedback received

Please do not keep me informed about proposals for AQUIND Interconnector

Public Consultation

Q1a: In which Local Authority / Council do you live?

- East Hampshire District Council
- Winchester City Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Havant Borough Council
- Other (please specify e.g. if due to location of a second home)

Q1b: In what capacity are you responding to the consultation? (Please feel free to select multiple options, if applicable)

- Local resident
- Business
- Community representative
- Local organisation
- Local supplier / contractor
- Affected landowner
- Other (please specify)

Q1c: How did you find out about the consultation?

- Invitation leaflet
- Project website
- Newspaper article
- Newspaper advert
- Council or Parish Council
- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

Q1d: Which consultation event did you attend (if any)?

- Lovedean
- Waterlooville
- Milton
- None

Q1e If you attended a public exhibition, did you find this event helpful in answering any questions or concerns you may have had?

- Yes
- Somewhat
- No
- No view

Additional comments:

The Project

AQUIND Interconnector will have capacity of 2,000 MW and transmit up to 16,000,000 MWh of electricity each year between the two countries, which is 5% and 3% of the total consumption of Great Britain and France respectively, enough to keep the lights on in millions of households.

AQUIND Interconnector will increase competition across energy markets, which could mean lower energy prices for consumers and businesses. It will improve security of supply, help foster greater renewable energy integration, and create investment in the local economy.

Q2a: To what extent do you agree with the aims of the AQUIND interconnector project?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No view
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

Q2b: What aspect of the proposal interests you the most? (Please feel free to select multiple options, if applicable).

- Converter station
- Underground cable route
- Landfall site
- Subsea cable route
- Local benefits
- Environmental considerations
- Other

Additional comments:

Onshore elements of AQUIND Interconnector

The onshore elements of AQUIND Interconnector will include four high-voltage direct current underground cables on either side of the Channel, connecting the landing points to new converter stations in Lovedean (UK) and Barnabos (France).

Converter Station

AQUIND recognises the importance of our local relationships. Therefore, we want to ensure that the converter station has as minimal visual impact for the local community as possible.

Q3a: Do you agree with this approach to the design of the converter station?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No view
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

Q3b: To mitigate the visual impact of the converter station a number of measures are being considered. Please indicate which of the following measures, if any, do you support. (Please feel free to select multiple options, if applicable).

- Tree / hedge screening
- Landscaping
- Selection of materials and colour palate to blend the building into the landscape as far as possible

Additional comments/suggestions:

Q3c: To mitigate the audible impact of the converter station a number of measures are being considered. Please indicate which of the following measures, if any, do you support. (Please feel free to select multiple options, if applicable).

- Noise attenuation within the converter station
- Bund external to the converter station to act as a noise barrier

Additional comments:

Q3d: Are there any additional factors you feel we should consider in relation to the location, design and/or layout of the converter station?

Q3e: Are there any other specific measures you would suggest we put in place to mitigate the visual, noise or environmental impact of the converter station?

Q3f: Do you have any other general comments regarding the converter station in terms of its location, environmental considerations, or timing and management of planned construction works?

Underground Cable Route

The onshore cable route will run from the landfall site in Eastney to the proposed converter station in Lovedean, a distance of less than 20km. From the outset, we have worked to ensure that all cables run underground to avoid overhead lines and reduce the visual impact of the project as far as possible.

Q4a: Do you agree with this approach?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No view
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

The proposed onshore cable route was arrived at via a detailed optioneering process reviewing constraints including environmental factors (such as proximity to protected areas or habitats of protected species), cultural/heritage features, engineering factors (such as existing utilities/infrastructure buried under motorways) and land ownership constraints.

Q4b: Do you agree with this approach?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No view
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

Q4c: Do you have any other general comments regarding the cable route in terms of its location, environmental considerations, or timing and management of planned construction works?

Landfall locations

The chosen landfall locations on both sides of the Channel have been shortlisted through an extensive optioneering process. This included detailed consideration of engineering and environmental issues, particularly with respect to Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC). Eastney was chosen as the preferred option, partly due to its relative proximity to the existing substation at Lovedean. Minimising the length of the underground cable route will significantly reduce the environmental impact and the disruption associated with installation.

Q5a: Do you agree with this approach?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No view
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Additional comments:

Q5b: Do you have any other general comments regarding the landfall location in terms of its location, environmental considerations, or timing and management of planned construction works?

Offshore elements of AQUIND Interconnector

The offshore element of AQUIND Interconnector will comprise four high-voltage subsea cables spanning the English Channel between Portsmouth in the UK and Normandie in France.

Subsea cable route

Q6a: Are there any specific factors you would suggest we consider in order to minimise impacts on the natural or historic environment, including for example marine archaeology or marine habitats?

Q6b: Are there any specific factors you would suggest we consider in order to minimise impacts to other marine users, including commercial fishing, shipping, recreational uses, and others?

General feedback

Q7: Do you have any other comments or questions with regards to AQUIND Interconnector?

Thank you for completing this feedback form. You can post it back to us using the FREEPOST envelopes provided.

If you would like further information at this stage, please contact us via:

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