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## Invitation to our public exhibitions



## Proposals for AQUIND Interconnector



### Welcome

AQUIND Limited is the developer of AQUIND Interconnector, a new underground and subsea electric power transmission link that will connect the GB and French electric power grids, facilitating the transfer of electricity between the two countries.

If approved, 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 energyintegration and supply ancillary services, which will provide greater flexibility in managing the electricity grid.

The main elements of the project will include subsea and underground cables, with new converter stations in both the UK and France. In the UK, the proposed landing point is

Eastney, near Portsmouth, and the new converter station will be located near Lovedean, Hampshire. The terrestrial cable route will run through the Portsmouth, East Hampshire, Havant and Winchester administrative areas.

As part of our commitment to community engagement, AQUIND would like to invite you to attend one of our public exhibitions, to view the proposals for AQUIND Interconnector, speak with the project team and share your feedback.

## Find out more at our one of our public exhibitions

Please join us:



Wednesday 24 January 2018 2 – 8 pm Waterlooville Community Centre, 10 Maurepas Way, Waterlooville, PO7 7AY



Friday
26 January 2018
2 – 8 pm
Milton Village
Community Hall,
182 Milton Road,
Southsea,
PO4 8PR



Saturday
27 January 2018
2 - 8 pm
Lovedean
Village Hall,
160 Lovedean Lane,
Waterlooville,
PO8 9SF

Members of the team will be available to talk you through the scheme and answer any questions you may have.

To find out more, please visit www.aquindconsultation.co.uk

### Who is AQUIND

AQUIND Limited is a UK-registered company and its sole business is the development of AQUIND Interconnector.

AQUIND Limited is not associated with any UK or European utilities and AQUIND Interconnector project is currently being developed without government subsidies.

For further information about AQUIND, please visit: **www.aquind.co.uk** 

### Why are Interconnectors Needed?

The UK Government and The European Commission have identified that interconnectors are vital for achieving an integrated energy market in which families and firms get the best value for their money.

There are four existing interconnectors to other countries. There are also a number of interconnectors proposed, connecting the UK to countries such as Ireland, Belgium, Norway, Denmark and France.

These links will help achieve the Government's ambition of widening access to international markets thus increasing competition and security of supply.





### **Benefits of AQUIND Interconnector**

#### A reliable electricity supply for the UK and France

AQUIND Interconnector will allow transmission of electricity in both directions, enabling GB and France's electricity grids to manage fluctuations in consumption and production more effectively. This will improve the reliability of electricity supply in both countries. AQUIND Interconnector will have the capacity of 2,000 MW and transmit up to 16,000,000 MWh (16 TWh) of electricity each year between the two connected countries, which is 5% and 3% of the total consumption of GB and France respectively, i.e. consumption by millions of households\*.

#### **Promoting energy market competition**

By diversifying the sources of electricity, AQUIND Interconnector will promote greater competition across domestic energy markets. This could, in turn, help lower energy prices for consumers and businesses.

#### Tapping into cleaner sources of energy

By enabling greater flows of electricity between national transmission networks, interconnectors help to integrate more renewable energy sources into power grids of the connected countries, and help reduce dependency on high carbon intensity generation sources.

#### No overhead lines

AQUIND Interconnector will use well-tested and reliable cable technology. Burying the cable along the whole route avoids the need for the construction of overhead lines and their associated visual impact.

### **Investment in Energy Infrastructure**

AQUIND Interconnector represents a significant investment in the UK's energy infrastructure and is being developed without government subsidies.

\* The actual utilisation rate of the Interconnector depends on market conditions, limitations by national transmission system operators and other factors

## **Getting in touch**

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



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