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AQUIND Interconnector: A Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

Dear ,

As you may be aware, on Monday 30 July 2018, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy issued a Section 35 Direction confirming that the AQUIND Interconnector project be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008.

Local authorities have an important role to play in the NSIP process and AQUIND is engaging with Planning Officers at your local authority to discuss next steps, in particular the approach to pre-application consultation.

Please find enclosed a short briefing note providing further information on the NSIP process together with a summary note on AQUIND's informal consultation undertaken in January 2018 which we hope you will find useful.

If you have any questions about the NSIP process at this stage, you can contact AQUIND's community engagement team via Freephone on **01962 893869** or via email at **aquindconsultation@becg.com**.

Further information about AQUIND Interconnector is available at **www.aquindconsultation.co.uk**.

Yours sincerely,

The AQUIND Community Engagement Team

