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<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Paragraph in SoCC</b>	<b>How met</b>
<p>The formal consultation will run for an eight-week period starting on Wednesday 27 February 2019 and ending at midnight on Monday 29 April 2019.</p> <p>Responses to the consultation must be received no later than midnight on Monday 29 April 2019 (postal responses will be accepted up to three working days after this deadline) and responses received after this date may not be taken into consideration.</p>	7.1.1	<p>All consultation documents were available online and at the 10 deposit locations for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation.</p> <p>All responses from members of the local community received by the deadline were accepted and reviewed.</p>
<p>To publicise the formal consultation, direct communications will be sent to households and businesses in the Primary Consultation Zone ('PCZ').</p> <p>The PCZ is a minimum of 100 metres around the Proposed Development's indicative cable corridor; 500 metres around the landing point location; and covers the area in the vicinity of the proposed converter station. Maps of the PCZ are available in Appendix 5.1.1l.</p>	7.2.2	<p>AQUIND issued a mailing to all households and businesses within the PCZ, which was delivered on 25 February 2019. Further details of the mailing can be found in Section 12.1.3 of this report.</p>
<p>In addition, a wide range of measures will be employed to ensure that the local community outside of the PCZ are also made aware of the formal consultation – including via the consultation website, local newspaper advertisements and social media advertising.</p>	7.2.3	<p>AQUIND placed details of the consultation and the consultation documents on the project website.</p> <p>In addition, adverts were placed in local and national newspapers, on Facebook, and press releases were issued to relevant local media outlets.</p> <p>Further details of these publicity measures can be</p>

		found in Section 14.3.2 of this report.
<p>As part of its formal consultation, AQUIND will look to engage with a wide range of stakeholders – including parish councils, community and interest groups, political representatives, organisations representing the local business communities and marine users. AQUIND hopes that this will enable the consultation to reach a wider range of people who may have an interest in the Proposed Development.</p>	7.2.4	<p>AQUIND issued direct invitations to the range of stakeholders outlined in paragraph 7.2.4 of the SoCC to inform them of the February – April 2019 consultation and invite them to partake in the consultation.</p> <p>The lists of the stakeholders consulted is available in Appendices 5.1.4B, 5.1.4C, 5.1.4F and 5.1.4X.</p>
<p>AQUIND will look to engage the support of local authorities as it seeks to engage with a number of groups and organisations that represent ‘hard-to-reach’ or ‘seldom heard’ groups in the local community.</p> <p>These represent demographic groups that do not usually engage in consultation activity, as well as people with disabilities who may have problems accessing the consultation information.</p>	7.2.5	<p>Prior to the February – April 2019 consultation, AQUIND sought the views of both officers and elected members at the four directly affected LPAs, and the three directly affected Parish Councils.</p> <p>All suggestions provided by both officers and elected members were directly invited to partake in the February – April 2019 consultation, where contact details were provided or were publicly available through other means (e.g. online).</p> <p>Further details are available in Section 14.5 of this report.</p>
<p>Throughout the formal consultation, AQUIND will be offering presentations and providing information directly to such groups in order to facilitate their</p>	7.2.5	<p>AQUIND offered briefings to all groups who requested one during the February – April 2019 consultation period.</p>

<p>participation in the consultation process.</p>		<p>Further details of the briefings offered and held are available in Section 14.3.6 and 14.5.1 of this report.</p>
<p>If, during the consultation, it becomes apparent that there is a need to engage directly with communities and interested parties outside the PCZ and in addition to those stakeholders referred to above, AQUIND will endeavour to do so, and take into account those responses gained as part of the consultation process.</p>	<p>7.2.6</p>	<p>In March 2019, AQUIND identified a number of properties whose access might be potentially affected by the Proposed Development which were located outside of the PCZ.</p> <p>Accordingly, AQUIND issued direct invitations to these properties during March 2019, providing them with over 28 days to respond to the consultation.</p> <p>Further details of this can be found in Section 14.3.2 of this report.</p>
<p>In addition to the consultation with the local community AQUIND will at the same time undertake consultation with a wide range of statutory consultees in accordance with Section 42 of the 2008 Act, including the host and neighbouring local authorities, statutory bodies, persons with an interest in the land that might be affected by the Proposed Development and marine users.</p>	<p>7.2.7</p>	<p>Statutory bodies covered by Section 42 of the 2008 Act were contacted on 18 February 2019 advising them of the consultation.</p> <p>Where responses were anticipated and had not been received by May 2019 they were contacted again to invite them to respond to the consultation on that date.</p> <p>Further details of this can be found in Section 11.6.7 of this report.</p>
<p>AQUIND will formally consult via the following methods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statutory notices – Statutory notices will be published in local and national newspapers giving</li> </ul>	<p>7.3.1</p>	<p>AQUIND complied with all commitments outlined in paragraph 7.3.1 of the SoCC.</p>

details about the consultation in accordance with Section 48 of the 2008 Act. Site notices will also be placed at key locations in the area affected by the Proposed Development, including in the vicinity of the converter station and landing point locations and at intervals along the indicative underground cable route;

- Public exhibitions – Public exhibitions will be held at local venues in areas affected by the proposals, as detailed below. The public will be informed of the exhibitions through a number of methods, including: direct communications to households and businesses in the PCZ, notices in the local press as well as relevant port and harbour locations and social media (Facebook) advertising. Details of the public exhibitions will also be listed on the consultation website. At the public exhibitions, copies of the SoCC, PEIR and NTS will be available to view in hard copy, together with other information and project documents. Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions and feedback forms will be available for attendees to complete;
- Fisheries consultations – Local fishermen were invited to attend dedicated consultation events held in October 2017 and again, in September 2018. Fisheries liaison is facilitated by Brown and May Marine Ltd and will be ongoing. Notices publicising the public exhibitions will be placed at key locations including Portsmouth Harbour, Camber Dock, Eastney Harbour, Langstone Harbour, Selsey

Further details of the steps taken to meet these commitments are available at the following paragraphs of this report:

- Statutory notices: Section 13.2
- Public exhibitions: Section 14.3.4
- Fisheries consultations: Section 7.4
- Consultation materials: Section 8.4
- Consultation Website: Section 5.2
- Community newsletter: Section 8.4.1
- Local media: Section 14.3.2
- Social media: 14.3.2
- Council and community briefings: Section 14.3.6

Town Centre, Chichester Harbour and Bembridge Harbour;

- Consultation materials – This SoCC, along with the PEIR, NTS and other consultation materials, will be made available on the consultation website and available to view in hard copy (free of charge) at deposit locations listed in Section 9. Consultation packs – comprising the Consultation Document, feedback form and a freepost envelope – will also be available at these deposit locations, in order to enable consultation responses to be made by the public at that location;
- Consultation website: All consultation materials will be available on the consultation website at [www.aquindconsultation.co.uk](http://www.aquindconsultation.co.uk). Consultees will be able to submit their feedback in hard copy by post or via an online form. Information about all exhibitions will also be made available online;
- Community newsletter: To publicise the formal consultation, a newsletter will be sent to households and businesses in the PCZ. This will also be distributed to relevant local councils, parish councils and community groups and will be available to view on the consultation website;
- Local Media: The consultation will be advertised in the Portsmouth News, Hampshire Chronicle and Horndean Post. Press releases will also be sent to identified media outlets

<p>during the pre-application process, containing details of the consultation, public exhibitions and how the local community can participate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social media: The public exhibitions will be advertised on Facebook through a series of adverts targeted at Facebook users within the area affected by the Proposed Development;</li> <li>• Council and community briefings: Local authorities, parish councils and community groups located in areas potentially affected by the Proposed Development will be offered briefings during the consultation period and the project team will seek to accommodate all bodies which request a briefing.</li> </ul>		
<p>During the formal consultation, AQUIND will present the preferred approach to the Proposed Development, including information on the onshore and marine elements of their proposals such as the landing point location, the proposed underground cable route and the options presented, the proposed converter station location and options presented including design and the proposed mitigation strategies.</p>	7.4.1	<p>The Applicant presented its preferred approach to the proposed Development and provided preliminary information and technical detail within its consultation documents.</p>
<p>There are a range of ways that feedback can be provided on the Proposed Development during the consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At public exhibitions – Feedback forms, together with freepost envelopes, will be available to complete all public exhibitions;</li> <li>• Online – An online feedback form will be available at</li> </ul>	7.5.1	<p>Feedback forms and freepost envelopes were available at all public exhibition events.</p> <p>An online feedback form was available for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation.</p>

<p>www.aquindconsultation.co.uk. Electronic copies of the feedback forms can also be downloaded via the website;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● By post – Comments can be submitted in writing via freepost 'AQUIND CONSULTATION'. Hard copies of completed feedback forms can also be returned via this address;</li> <li>● By email – Comments can also be submitted via email to aquindconsultation@becg.com. Electronic or scanned copies of completed feedback forms can also be return via email; and</li> <li>● By phone – The project team can be contacted via freephone on 01962 893869 with any queries.</li> </ul>		<p>Freepost, email and freephone information line were all operational for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation.</p>
<p>An explanation of how the comments received have been taken into account will be detailed in the Consultation Report to accompany the application for a DCO.</p>	<p>7.5.4</p>	<p>All feedback received by the deadline of 29 April 2019 (2 May 2019 for postal responses) was reviewed and taken into consideration by AQUIND.</p> <p>Further details of this process, including responses to comments and alterations made to the Proposed Development as a result of the feedback received from the local community and non-statutory consultees are detailed in ES Chapter 2, Consideration of Alternatives (Doc. Ref. 6.1.2).</p> <p>Further to this, details of how AQUIND took into consideration comments from Section 42</p>

		consultees are detailed in Section 11.11 and the Chapters of the Environmental Statement.
Public exhibitions are intended to be held at the locations detailed in the table below.	8.1.1	All public exhibition events took place on the dates and at the venues and times stated within the SoCC
The consultation materials will be made available online at <a href="http://www.aquindconsultation.co.uk">www.aquindconsultation.co.uk</a> and to view in hard copy (free of charge) at the advertised deposit locations (see Table 2) between Wednesday 27 February 2019 and Monday 29 April 2019.	9.1.1	All consultation materials were available free of charge at the deposit locations listed in Table 2 for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation
Consultation packs – comprising the consultation booklet, feedback form and freepost envelope – will also be available at these deposit locations, in order to enable consultation responses to be made by the public at that location.	9.1.3	All materials listed were available at all deposit locations for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation.
USB devices containing the consultation materials will be available at all locations where the consultation documents are available to view. The consultation documents can also be downloaded at <a href="http://www.aquindconsultation.co.uk">www.aquindconsultation.co.uk</a> .	9.1.4	USBs were available at all deposit locations for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation.

