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AQUIND launches statutory consultation on proposals for AQUIND Interconnector

Following an initial round of consultation in January 2018, AQUIND has announced the launch of statutory consultation on its proposals to construct and operate an underground and marine electricity interconnector between the south coast of England and Normandy in France, to be known as AQUIND Interconnector.

AQUIND Interconnector will have capacity to transmit up to 16 000 000 MWh of electricity or approximately 5% of Great Britain's total electricity consumption – enough to keep the lights on in up to 4 million British households.

AQUIND is undertaking consultation on its proposals between **Wednesday 27 February 2019** and **Monday 29 April 2019** during which time it is inviting the local community to consider the consultation documents and provide feedback on its proposals.

The consultation documents are available to view and download on the consultation website at www.aquindconsultation.co.uk.

The consultation documents will be available to view at public exhibitions in Portsmouth, Havant, East Hampshire a Winchester, the details of which are as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
07/03/2019	Broad Oak Sports & Social Club, Airport Service Road, Portsmouth, PO3 5PB	16:00 – 20:00
08/03/2019	Eastney Community Centre, Bransbury Park, Bransbury Road, Eastney, Portsmouth, PO4 9SU	16:00 – 20:00
14/03/2019	Jubilee Hall, Crouch Lane, Horndean, Hampshire, PO8 9SU	16:00 – 20:00
16/03/2019	The Drayton Centre, 238 Havant Road, Drayton, Portsmouth, PO6 1PA	10:00 – 14:00
21/03/2019	Waterlooville Community Centre, 10 Maurepas Way, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 7AY	16:00 – 20:00
22/03/2019	Acorn Community Centre, 3 The Kestrels, Wecock Farm, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO8 9UX	16:00 – 20:00
23/03/2019	Deverall Hall, 84 London Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville, PO7 5JU	10:00 – 14:00
30/03/2019	Milton Village Community Hall, 182 Milton Road, Southsea, Hampshire, PO4 8PR	11:30 – 15:30
05/04/2019	Denmead War Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road, Denmead PO7 6PW	16:00 – 20:00

The consultation documents are also available to view during the consultation at various deposit locations in the vicinity of the proposals between **Wednesday 27 February 2019** and **Monday 29 April 2019**, the details of which are as follows:

Venue	Opening Times
Beddow Library, Milton Road, Milton, Portsmouth, PO4 8PR	Mon, Tue & Fri: 09:30 – 17:00 Wed & Thu: 09:30 – 18:00 Sat: 10:00 – 15:30
Waterlooville Library, The Precinct, PO7 7DT	Mon, Tue, Wed & Sat: 09:00 – 17:00 Thu & Fri: 09:00 – 19:00
Horndean Library, 12 Fiveheads Road, Horndean, PO8 9NW	Mon & Thu: 14:00 – 17:00 Wed: 10:00 – 13:00 & 14:00 – 17:00 Fri: 14:00 – 19:00
Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2BG	Mon – Fri: 09:00 – 16:00
Havant Borough Council, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX	Mon – Fri: 09:00 – 17:00
Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ	Mon – Thu: 08:30 – 17:00 Fri: 08:30 – 16:30
Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ	Mon – Fri: 08:30 – 18:00
Central Library, Portsmouth City Council, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX	Mon & Fri: 09:30 – 17:00 Tue, Wed & Thu: 09:30 – 18:00 Sat: 10:00 – 15:30
Cosham Library, Spur Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 3EB	Mon, Tue & Thu: 09:30 – 18:00 Wed & Fri: 09:30 – 17:00 Sat: 10:00 – 15:30
Petersfield Library, 27 The Square, Petersfield, GU32 3HH	Mon, Tue, Thu & Sat: 09:00 – 17:00 Wed & Fri: 09:00 – 19:00

Following the conclusion of the consultation, AQUIND will carefully consider all comments received before submitting an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to grant the rights required to build and operate AQUIND Interconnector in the UK.

Speaking about the consultation launch, a spokesperson for AQUIND said:

“Back in January 2018 we presented our initial proposals for AQUIND Interconnector to the local community and received invaluable feedback from residents and stakeholders. Since then we’ve been working hard to refine our proposals in response to the comments received.

“We remain committed to engaging with the local community and as part of our upcoming statutory consultation we look forward to discussing our updated proposals with the local community.

“We encourage all those with an interest in the project to take time to review the consultation materials online, at one of the deposit locations or at a public exhibition event, which provide an opportunity to discuss the proposals with members of the AQUIND project team.

“The feedback received during the consultation will assist us in further refining our plans before we submit an application for a DCO.”

The local community can discover more about the AQUIND Interconnector consultation at www.aquindconsultation.co.uk.

If members of the public have any difficulties accessing the consultation documents, or require the documents in an alternative format, they should contact the project team via the project’s freephone information line on **01962 893869**, via email at aquindconsultation@becg.com or via freepost ‘**AQUIND CONSULTATION**’.

Local residents and stakeholders can also get in touch to discuss the proposals with the project team using the contact details above.

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Notes to editors:

AQUIND Interconnector is a proposed High Voltage Direct Current (‘HVDC’) subsea and underground electric power transmission link between the south of England and Normandy in France, with the capacity to transmit up to 2,000 MW of electricity between the France and Great Britain (‘GB’) net of transmission losses.

It is estimated that AQUIND Interconnector will have sufficient capacity to transmit up to 16,000,000 MWh of electricity annually between GB and France, accounting for approximately 5% and 3% of their respective total electricity consumption and enough to keep the lights on in up to four million British households.

AQUIND Interconnector will make a significant contribution to improving GB’s security of electricity supply and achieving greater affordability by improving competition, making the GB energy market more efficient and enabling greater energy flexibility. This should ultimately benefit consumers via increased access to lower prices due to competitive pressures on domestic energy generators.

AQUIND Interconnector will help to integrate a greater proportion of intermittent renewables generation into the GB energy mix. It is also expected that electricity imported from France will have much lower



CO2 intensity. This will reduce reliance on fossil fuel power generation plants and in turn reduce GB's CO2 emissions from the burning of such fuels. AQUIND Interconnector will therefore make a significant contribution to the decarbonisation of the GB electricity grid and meeting the net UK carbon reduction targets by the year 2050, set in accordance with Section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008.

The project is being developed and promoted by AQUIND Limited, a UK-registered company with the sole business of developing AQUIND Interconnector. AQUIND is not associated with any UK or European utilities or national electricity transmission system operators.

In July 2018 Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy recognised AQUIND as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. AQUIND must therefore submit an application for a DCO to the Planning Inspectorate to obtain the necessary authorisation for the construction and operation of the Project.

