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Dear Robert

Please find attached our response to your request for information on the adequacy of consultation undertaken by Aquind.

Best wishes

Sarah

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25 November 2019

Robert Ranger, Case Manager
Via E-Mail: Aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Mr Ranger,

Adequacy of consultation request

Thank you for your e-mail, dated 15 November, regarding the application by the Aquind Interconnector for an Order Granting Development Consent.

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) can confirm that it was consulted as follows:

- Between 27 February and 29 April 2019 under s42 of the Planning Act 2008. The SDNPA responded on the 17 April 2019.
- As part of a series of informal meetings held throughout the process often jointly with East Hants District Council and Winchester City Council, details of which are set out in the Aquind Consultation Report.

We can also confirm that the SDNPA was consulted on the Statement of Community Consultation during an informal consultation but was not formally consulted under s47 as we are not a host authority (as defined by PA 2008).

The SDNPA has no reason to consider that the proposed development has not been publicised in accordance with s48 of the Planning Act 2008. However:

- We can see no mention of the South Downs Society (also known as the Friends of the South Downs) in any of the documentation. They are a charity who campaigns to protect and conserve the landscape of the National Park.
- Within the 'Hard to Reach' section of the Consultation Report we can see no mention of the Gypsy and Traveller community that live in close proximity to the Converter Station site. They have been considered in terms of noise assessments, but we cannot see any evidence they have been actively engaged.

If this is the case, we recommend that both parties now be consulted by the applicant.

We trust that the above information will assist you in determining whether that proposal is able to be accepted as a valid application.

Yours Sincerely,

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