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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 September 2018 15:59  
**To:** Aquind Consultation  
**Subject:** Aquind Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Hello [REDACTED]

I understand you have discussed the draft SOCC with [REDACTED] of Winchester CC. The points that I understand were raised are consistent with my own and I have nothing further to add, but to reiterate/echo those comments from [REDACTED] they are:

- The importance of pinning down which option/site for the Interconnector will be the subject of the consultation (I understand this will be the case)
- Formal consultation to run for 13 rather than 6 weeks – there is the potential for Committee consideration which may need a little additional flexibility (our Planning Committee meet on a 3 week cycle)
- The Primary Consultation Zone for the Interconnector should not be as arbitrary as 500m and there should be direct consultation with a wider area of the Interconnector site – within EHDC this should capture most of Lovedean as there is a strong sense of community in that settlement and that is the community potentially most affected, but also Denmead within the Winchester DC area. I would suggest a map is provided to agree the extent of the PCZ.
- For meaningful appreciation of the impact of the Interconnector, there should be some reasonably accurate graphic representation of the scale/form of the development and the extent of the site itself and any associated mitigation

Happy to discuss any of the above or any other matters, but otherwise I trust that provides some useful feedback at this stage ahead of the formal consultation on the SOCC.

Kind regards

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 August 2018 16:40  
**To:** Aquind Consultation  
**Subject:** RE: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Statement of Community Consultation. From the point of view of Havant Borough Council, following our telephone discussion, you are aware of the Local Ward Members, Cllr [REDACTED] is very interested in highway matters in this local area.

In terms of local residents associations, we consider that the following should be consulted, due to the recent GDPR changes we are feel that it would not be appropriate to give you the full contact details, as we do not have the relevant consent to transmit information. However, contact details can be easily found by searching the internet. The relevant contacts are:

- Purbrook and Widley Residents Association
- Waterlooville Area Community Association
- Waterlooville Business Association
- Stakes Residents Association
- Waterlooville & District Residents Association
- Wecock Residents Association

I trust this is of assistance. Please note that I am on leave until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September after today.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Aquind Consultation [mailto:aquindconsultation@becg.com]  
**Sent:** 28 August 2018 17:06  
**Cc:** Aquind Consultation <aquindconsultation@becg.com>  
**Subject:** AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Good afternoon,

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Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 October 2018 11:05  
**To:** Aquind Consultation  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

FOA [REDACTED]

Following the meeting with you on the 13<sup>th</sup> September I wanted to set out the points raised by WCC in relation to the Draft Statement of Community Consultation. They were as follows:

WCC emphasised the urgent need to pin down the final location of the site due to the uncertainties that this leads to at the Council and local level. JW confirmed that the final site decision will be known before any formal consultation takes place – this will be early Jan/Feb 2019.

WCC also raised the following in relation to the content of the statement:

- Formal consultation should run for 13 weeks (and not 6) as we will be considering the application as a major and the nature of the proposal is likely to trigger Committee consideration
- A more sophisticated method to define the Primary Consultation Zone to accommodate communities that are further away from the site but still directly affected i.e. Denmead. Provide a map showing the PCZ
- Emphasised that the level of design detail should be well developed at the consultation stage to provide a well informed understanding of the scheme and the necessary mitigation measures.
- Added Denmead Village hall to the public exhibition venues
- Added WCC Council offices to the list of deposit locations
- Emphasised need to keep Local MP's fully informed

I hope this provides a useful summary of the points raised by WCC at the meeting and that you will give due regard to the issues in finalising your SoCC.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@gosport.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 30 November 2018 14:35  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Aquind Statement of Community Consultation  
**Attachments:** image003\_jpg; image002\_png  
**Importance:** High

Dear all,

Thank you for providing us with a further opportunity to review your draft Statement of Community Consultation ("SOCC"). As previously confirmed below I am a Solicitor with Gosport Borough Council but am acting for Portsmouth City Council ("PCC") in this matter.

We are aware of comments provided by other Local Authorities (Winchester, Havant and East Hants) and are supportive of their comments made in relation to the period of public consultation and additional public exhibitions and deposit locations.

Having reviewed the SOCC we have the following comments which we would like taken into account when preparing the next version of the SOCC for formal consultation:

1. The SOCC makes no mention of the letter drop that has already taken place in Portsmouth and the role of this exercise in proceedings. It also makes no further mention of the prospect of Aquind representatives knocking on doors in the City, or sending out further letters, to establish property interests. Is it the intention to no longer do any of this additional work?
2. The SOCC should set out full details of the intention of the letter drop exercise which has taken place, and what is planned for the next letter drop, and when; so that Ward Councillors can refer to this when communicating with residents. Otherwise, there is a gap in the consultation which you have said you will be carrying out. Whilst we accept that this relates to land acquisition, it all falls part of the same DCO process.
3. We would like to know whether further communications in relation to establishing property interests can be undertaken after the formal consultation exercise has taken place so that there is an opportunity for the public to be better informed before they receive any more correspondence.
4. Will you carry out some further informal consultation events again, or at least consider sharing information on what happens next via Social Media, to set up the more formal consultation in the New Year and avoid a follow up letter drop being as unsuccessful as the first?
5. In relation to the Primary Consultation Zone ("PCZ") being 100 metres around the indicative cable corridor, we would prefer it if formal consultation were to involve a less arbitrary approach. In some cases this approach may split streets and Electoral Wards. We think you should consider an approach that avoids a split along these lines and would be happy to liaise with you further regarding a draft PCZ plan, which we will need to see in any case as this is currently missing from your Appendix 2.
6. We would suggest that you need more public exhibition events in community areas, which PCC Members can draw their Residents' attention to. In addition, we do not think that only three deposit locations are sufficient. Can we suggest additional deposit locations at the Central Library and Cosham Library, and

it would also be helpful to have agreement that you will provide some answers to FAQs which we will use to brief PCC staff at these locations.

7. You make several references to Social Media in the statement, but at paragraph 7.3 this refers only to Facebook. Will you consider using other Social Media platforms please, such as Twitter, so that information can be shared more widely?
8. We will also need to see Appendix 1, being the indicative location of the interconnector which is currently missing from the SOCC. If this is just the location of the Interconnector building itself we suggest that you need a further plan, or plans, showing the indicative location of where the cable makes landfall and proposed route corridor through Portsmouth and beyond.
9. There are also one or two typos/referencing errors to pick up. In your table of contents there is a typo at 6, "Consultation". On page 4, I suggest in the final bullet this should read "Eastney, Portsmouth".

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Senior Solicitor (Planning and Regeneration)

**Gosport Borough Council**

Town Hall, High Street, Gosport, Hampshire PO12 1EB

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** 29 November 2018 15:11  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Aquind Statement of Community Consultation

Hi [Redacted]

Good to speak just now and thanks for the email below.

As discussed, once you've had the chance to gather comments it would be great to receive these before close of business tomorrow.

When sending those over please could you copy my colleague Jamie Gordon and the wider project team using the emails cc'd here as discussed, and we look forward to discussing further next week.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

Director



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 3:01 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Aquind Statement of Community Consultation

[REDACTED]

I've just tried your office number but there was no answer.

You may recall that we met along with several of my colleagues at Portsmouth City Council on 15 November plus the Leader and Deputy Leader. I am a Solicitor with Gosport Borough Council but as the Chief Officers of PCC are shared with Gosport Borough Council have been asked to act for PCC in this matter.

I just wanted to let you know that I am in the process of getting feedback from colleagues in relation to the Statement of Community Consultation and will be in touch again before close of business tomorrow (Friday 30 November) with some comments on this.

If you want to give me a call to touch base I am out of the office but available on the mobile this afternoon. Otherwise I'll send you a further email tomorrow.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Senior Solicitor (Planning and Regeneration)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 30 October 2018 08:41  
**To:** Aquind Consultation  
**Subject:** RE: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Hi

He was content with the use of Waterlooville Library and also expressed that Havant Plaza should be utilised to be able to view document and display information. He also stressed the need for as much advertisement as possible to ensure a meaningful response.

Hope that helps.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

Strategic Transport  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** Aquind Consultation <aquindconsultation@becg.com>  
**Sent:** 24 October 2018 13:16  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Aquind Consultation <aquindconsultation@becg.com>  
**Subject:** RE: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you are well.

Further to your comments below, I just wanted to check whether you had received any feedback from your county councillor regarding the consultation events in Havant?

Kind regards,

**AQUIND Community Relations Team**



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**Sent:** 11 October 2018 15:08  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Aquind Consultation <[aquindconsultation@becg.com](mailto:aquindconsultation@becg.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

No problem and thanks for sending through your comments on behalf of HCC.

AQUIND will take these comments into account accordingly.

I note your request for a report-back on the informal consultation with the relevant LPAs and will discuss this suggestion with the project team.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

**AQUIND Community Relations Team**



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**To:** Aquind Consultation <[aquindconsultation@becg.com](mailto:aquindconsultation@becg.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Hi

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you I have been out of the office for an extended period of time. Our informal comments on the draft however are as discussed in our meeting. I have set these out below however for clarity.

- Are you able to confirm within the document that land owner consultation is undertaken separately, for clarity for all readers.
- We are not able to comment on the consultation zone until a plan is available. I note this is to be included as an appendix. We will want to review this plan to ensure there are not any residents who should be consulted that are left out due to proximity from the development.
- It would be beneficial to include examples of the documents intended to be circulated for the formal consultation of this document so we are able to review its contents.
- We discussed how are stats companies being consulted. Could you confirm this please although I appreciate this is outside the scope of this document.
- I understand the district councils will provide lists of relevant community groups.
- We discussed my concern regarding the extent of public consultation events and whether these were sufficient. I have particular concern regarding venues which relate to the cable

routing along the highway which is primarily in Havant, of which there is only 1 event. I have sought comment from our County Councillor on this and am waiting a response. I trust HBC may have also commented. Regarding the highway impact of the Lovedean site itself I note there is again only 1 event. There are obviously wider impacts of the work and I trust WCC and EHBC have commented on the suitability of the proposed consultation numbers.

At this stage I have no further comments but it may be beneficial to clarify to me and all the planning authorities all comments you have received through this informal consultation and what action you have taken on each.

Kind Regards

[Redacted signature]

Strategic Transport

[Redacted contact information]



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**From:**

**Sent:**

25 September 2018 09:20

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject:**

RE: Draft Aquind Interconnector Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

**Attachments:**

Aquind SoCC DCO MMO comments final 25092018.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your email of 29 August and request for comments on the Aquind draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Please find attached the MMO's comments on the draft document, and response to the specific questions you raised.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss our comments.

Just to let you know, myself, Jenny and Matthew will be out of the office this afternoon, returning on Thursday.

Regards

[REDACTED] | Marine Licensing Case Officer | Her Majesty's Government – Marine Management Organisation.

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**From:**

**Sent:** 29 August 2018 11:26

**To:**

**Subject:** Draft Aquind Interconnector Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Dear [REDACTED]

Hope you are keeping well.

Further to our previous correspondence on the AQUIND Interconnector, I am writing to you to seek the views of the MMO on the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). This document has been prepared by the AQUIND project team and the project communications company becg.

Under the Planning Act 2008 developers must consult with Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) on the sufficiency of their approach to consulting local communities, and it requires that LPAs are given a minimum 28 days to provide



comments. Although the MMO are not defined as an LPA under the Planning Act, given the significant marine elements to the project we consider there is significant value in seeking MMO comments on the approach outlined in the SoCC with specific regard to engaging and seeking views from marine stakeholders. Therefore, please find attached:

- The draft SoCC
- A list of marine stakeholders and marine interest groups – those highlighted in blue are organisations we envisage consulting with directly, and those that are white are organisations that will be invited to public exhibitions.

We are also in the process of organising focussed fisheries consultation events for this month (dates and locations TBC) with local fisheries and organisations.

We would be grateful for any comments you feel are relevant but we would be particularly interested in comments on the following:


- Are the locations & general timings of public events sufficient for picking up marine stakeholders?
- Do the publications for adverts (and deposit locations) have adequate coverage for marine users?
- Possible harbours etc where notices would be beneficial to reach marine s/holders?
- Are there any obvious omissions from the list we have provided? Any groups that you would consider hard to reach?

I would be grateful if you can provide any comments you may have by **COP 26 Sept 2018**.

We would be more than happy to discuss the SoCC and its content with you (and will likely touch upon it at our meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – so it would be great if you are able to review in advance) or with officers from the MMO local offices (should you be seeking any comments from them).

Kind regards,



  
Project Manager  
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Project Manager  
Natural Power

Our reference: DCO/2018/00016

**By email only**

25 September 2018

Dear

**Aquind DCO draft Statement of Community Consultation**

Thank you for your request dated 29 August 2018 for MMO comments on the draft Aquind Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

As previously discussed, the MMO consulted with our coastal colleagues on the draft SoCC. Please find below our responses to the specific questions you raised in your email of 29 August.

1. Are the locations and general timings of public events sufficient for identifying marine stakeholders?

The MMO considers that the locations and timings of the public events set out in section 8.1.1 of the draft SoCC are sufficient.

2. Do the publications for adverts (and deposit locations) have adequate coverage for marine users?

The MMO considers that the proposed local publications for adverts publicising the project, set out in section 7.3.1 of the draft SoCC, are sufficient. The MMO also notes that the draft SoCC states that statutory notices regarding consultation on the project will be published in national newspapers.

The MMO considers that the proposed deposit locations set out in section 9.1.1 of the draft SoCC provide adequate coverage for marine users.

3. Possible harbours etc where notices would be beneficial to reach marine stakeholders?

The MMO recommends that notices publicising the public events should be placed at the following locations:



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Camber Dock  
Eastney Harbour  
Langstone Harbour  
Selsey Town Centre  
Chichester Harbour  
Bembridge Harbour

4. Are there any obvious omissions from the list we have provided? Any groups that you would consider hard to reach?

The MMO recommends the following should be included on the list of marine stakeholders and consulted on the Aquind project:

**Ports and Harbours:**

Southampton VTS  
Langstone Harbour  
Chichester Harbour

**Ferry Operators**

DFDS  
Brittany Ferries  
Condor Ferries

**Others:**

Fawley Marine Terminal (due to tankers transiting the general area)

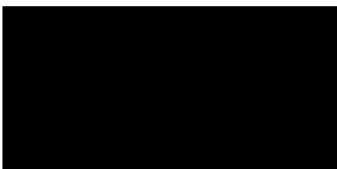
In addition to the above marine stakeholders, the MMO is aware of other individuals/organisations who may have an interest in the project. As advised in my email of 13 September, due to data protection matters I am unable to provide you with their contact details. I have therefore contacted them and provided them with your contact details. The MMO also recommends that a Fisheries Liaison Officer is appointed for the consultation and implementation phases of the project.

Please note this letter comprises the MMO's initial comments in respect of the draft SoCC and is without prejudice to any future representation the MMO may make about the proposed Aquind project and associated documents.

Please could you forward the MMO a final version of the document once it has been finalised. This will be forwarded to our local office to help direct potential stakeholders to community consultation events for the project.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Yours Sincerely,



Marine Licensing Case Officer

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