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Subject: Aquind Interconnector

Dear Ms Sully,

Please find attached an email sent to all LPAs yesterday with further corrections to appendices. The amendments do not make any substantive changes to the documents, but ensure that all appendices include all responses and letters. In addition to the updated appendices, attached to this email is an errata sheet to explain the changes. It is acknowledged that PINS will not be able to accept these documents during acceptance.

I would be grateful for a telephone call to confirm receipt.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Aquind Interconnector

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Further to our recent correspondence on 15 November 2019 regarding the minor presentational errors within the Consultation Report, we have now identified a number of discrepancies with a few of the associated appendices.

The amendments do not make any substantive changes to the documents, but ensure that all appendices include all responses and letters.

In addition to the updated appendices, attached to this email is an errata sheet to explain the changes. The documents have also been sent to PINS for their information in the knowledge that these won't be accepted by PINS during the acceptance period.

I hope you find the attached of use when reviewing the consultation undertaken for your Adequacy of Consultation response.

Kind regards

Aquind DCO Project Team

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12th January 2017

RE: Emerging Proposals for AQUIND Interconnector

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Our previous correspondence, dated 27th November 2017, provided an introduction to AQUIND Limited's proposals for a new underground and subsea electric power transmission link that will connect the GB and French electric power grids.

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AQUIND Interconnector will also promote greater competition across domestic energy markets by diversifying sources of electricity. This could, in turn, help lower energy prices for consumers and businesses.

At present, it is estimated that AQUIND Interconnector will become operational in 2022.

Given your interest in promoting business opportunities, we would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about the emerging AQUIND Interconnector proposals, in order to answer any questions you may have at this stage.

If we may, we will be in touch in the coming days in the hope of organising a convenient time to meet and discuss the proposals and provide further information.

As you may be aware, we will also be hosting three public consultation events at local venues later this month on 24th, 26th and 27th January. Further details of these events and other information on the project is available via our dedicated consultation website www.aquindconsultation.co.uk. If you would like to attend one of these events you would of course be very welcome, and members of the project team will be on hand to discuss the proposals and answer any questions.

We look forward to speaking with you soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact our information line on **01962 893869**.

Yours sincerely,

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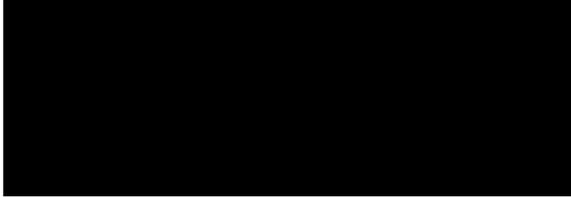


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Please find enclosed an Information Leaflet which provides further information on the proposed Interconnector, which I hope you will find useful.

Given your interest in promoting renewable energy integration, we would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about the emerging AQUIND Interconnector proposals, in order to answer any questions you may have at this stage.

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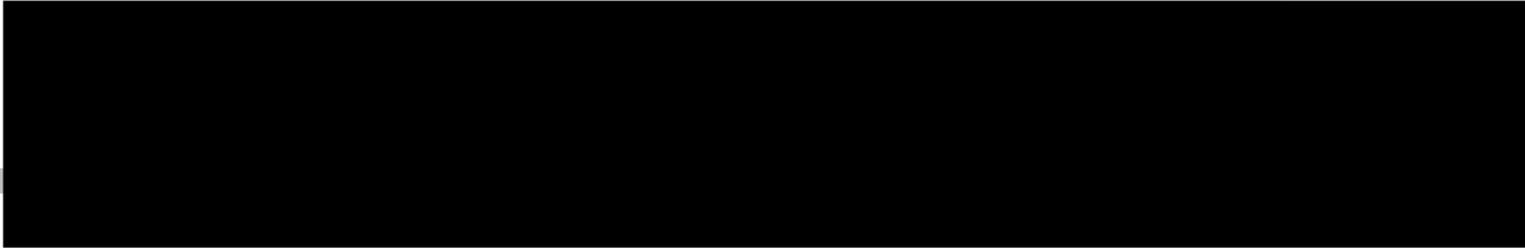
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AQUIND Interconnector to be considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy ('BEIS') has today (Monday 30th July 2018) announced that AQUIND Interconnector is to be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, issued the direction for AQUIND Interconnector – a new subsea and underground High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electric power transmission link between the South Coast of England and Normandy in France – to be treated as development for which development consent is required.

To build the project, AQUIND will apply to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') under the Planning Act 2008.

AQUIND has said that it anticipates an application for development consent will be submitted in 2019, after it has carried out further technical studies together with pre-application consultation with the local community, affected landowners and other relevant stakeholders.

Once submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will examine AQUIND's DCO application before the Secretary of State makes a decision on whether authorisation should be given for the project.

Responding to the news, a spokesperson for AQUIND said:

"The DCO planning process is well-suited to the development of AQUIND Interconnector given the project's potential to deliver significant national benefits for Great Britain, including more competition in energy markets, lower carbon dioxide emissions, greater integration of renewable energy sources and greater security of supply. It can also provide valuable ancillary services to the electric power grid.

"AQUIND would like to stress that the key parameters of the proposal remain unchanged, irrespective of the consenting regime – the onshore cable will be fully underground, whilst the converter station will remain as the only planned visible element.

"It is important to AQUIND that its scheme is shaped by local feedback. The development consent process places significant weight on the role of pre-application consultation, which will ensure all relevant stakeholders remain involved throughout the consultation process.

"Having built on the feedback received during our consultation in early 2018, AQUIND is looking forward to continued engagement with the local community and all relevant stakeholders in shaping the proposals."

Earlier in 2018, AQUIND Interconnector was awarded Project of Common Interest (PCI) status by the European Commission. PCIs are key European energy infrastructure projects that address the three challenges of the European energy policy: affordability, security of supply and decarbonisation.

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

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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 nonfossil fuel energy sources and 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. AQUIND Interconnector is being developed as a private project without government subsidies.

More information about the Planning Inspectorate and the Planning Act 2008 is available online at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by calling the Planning Inspectorate on **0303 444 5000**.



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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

AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR: A NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Overview

This briefing note provides more information on the planning process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) and what the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's decision to issue a direction for AQUIND Interconnector to be treated as an NSIP means for the development of the project.

What are Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects?

NSIPs are large scale developments in the fields of energy, transport, water, or waste which require a type of consent known as "development consent".

How does the planning process for NSIPs work?

The Planning Act 2008 requires developers of NSIPs to apply to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO).

The Planning Inspectorate acts as the examining authority on behalf of the Secretary of State and examines applications for a DCO. The Planning Inspectorate seeks the public's views on the application and then submits its recommendation to the Secretary of State, who makes the final decision. The Secretary of State will make their decision in accordance with applicable national policy, taking into account the local impact of the proposals.

What role do local authorities have in the NSIP process?

Host local authorities have an important role to play in the development of NSIPs and AQUIND will be engaging with relevant local authorities throughout the process.

During the pre-application stage, local authorities are consulted on the scope of the Environmental Impact Assessment to be undertaken, how the local community will be consulted and on the project proposals.

During the examination stage local authorities may provide representations on the local impact of the proposals and any other matters considered appropriate to the examining authority. The examining authority may seek written responses on matters concerning the proposals from the local authority and may also invite representatives of the local authorities to attend hearings on particular topics.

If development consent is granted, local authorities are typically responsible for discharging and monitoring many of the requirements (e.g. planning conditions) associated with an NSIP in their area.



How will AQUIND consult on its NSIP?

Consultation is an important part of the NSIP process. NSIP developers are required to publicise their proposals widely and consult with the local community, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the proposed development.

Before accepting the application for examination on behalf of the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate must be satisfied that adequate pre-application consultation has been conducted.

Consultation with the local community

Before formal consultation with the local community on AQUIND's proposed NSIP can begin, AQUIND is required to prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult people living in the vicinity of the land affected by the project. This statement is commonly known as a Statement of Community Consultation ('SoCC').

AQUIND will share a draft Statement of Community Consultation with local authorities for informal discussion and comment in the near future.

Following this period of informal discussion, AQUIND will then share a draft Statement of Community Consultation with the host local authorities who have 28 days in which to respond formally.

Having had regard to any responses provided by the local authorities, AQUIND will publish the Statement of Community Consultation and make it available to view

for local people living in the vicinity of the land affected by the project.

Formal consultation must then be carried out in accordance with the final Statement of Community Consultation.

All comments submitted during the consultation will be recorded and carefully considered by AQUIND and will be taken into account when further developing the proposal.

An explanation of how the comments received have been taken into account will be detailed in the Consultation Report to accompany the DCO application.

AQUIND's formal consultation with the local community will build on the informal consultation undertaken in January 2018.

The feedback received in relation to the informal consultation has informed the evolution of the proposals and the scope of the technical assessments.

More information

More information on the project timeline will be provided in due course. An application for a DCO is expected to be submitted in 2019.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact AQUIND's community engagement team on freephone **01962 893 869** or via email at aquindconsultation@becg.com.





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30 October 2018

RE: Proposals for AQUIND Interconnector – A Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project

Dear ,

Further to our previous correspondence, please find enclosed an updated Information Leaflet regarding the proposals for AQUIND Interconnector, following the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's decision on 30th July 2018 to treat AQUIND Interconnector as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

AQUIND is continuing to engage with relevant statutory consultees to discuss the next steps. Formal Consultation on AQUIND's proposed scheme is expected to take place in early 2019, to which you will receive an invitation at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions regarding the proposals for AQUIND Interconnector at this stage, you can contact AQUIND's Community Engagement team via freephone on **01962 893869** or via email at aquindconsultation@becg.com.

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As you may be aware, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's announced on 30th July 2018 that AQUIND Interconnector should be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008.

AQUIND is committed to engaging with the local community regarding its proposals. Further details of our forthcoming Formal Consultation with the local community will be made available in due course and will be extensively publicised locally.

Your personal data was collected at our Informal Consultation events in January 2018, in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act 1998. This Act has since been superseded by the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), which came into force on 25 May 2018. As a result, BECG (acting on behalf of AQUIND Limited) is required to ask for your consent to continue holding and processing your personal data.

If you wish to remain informed of project updates moving forward, you can inform the AQUIND Community Consultation Team of your wishes via email at aquindconsultation@becg.com or via our '**AQUIND CONSULTATION**' freepost address.

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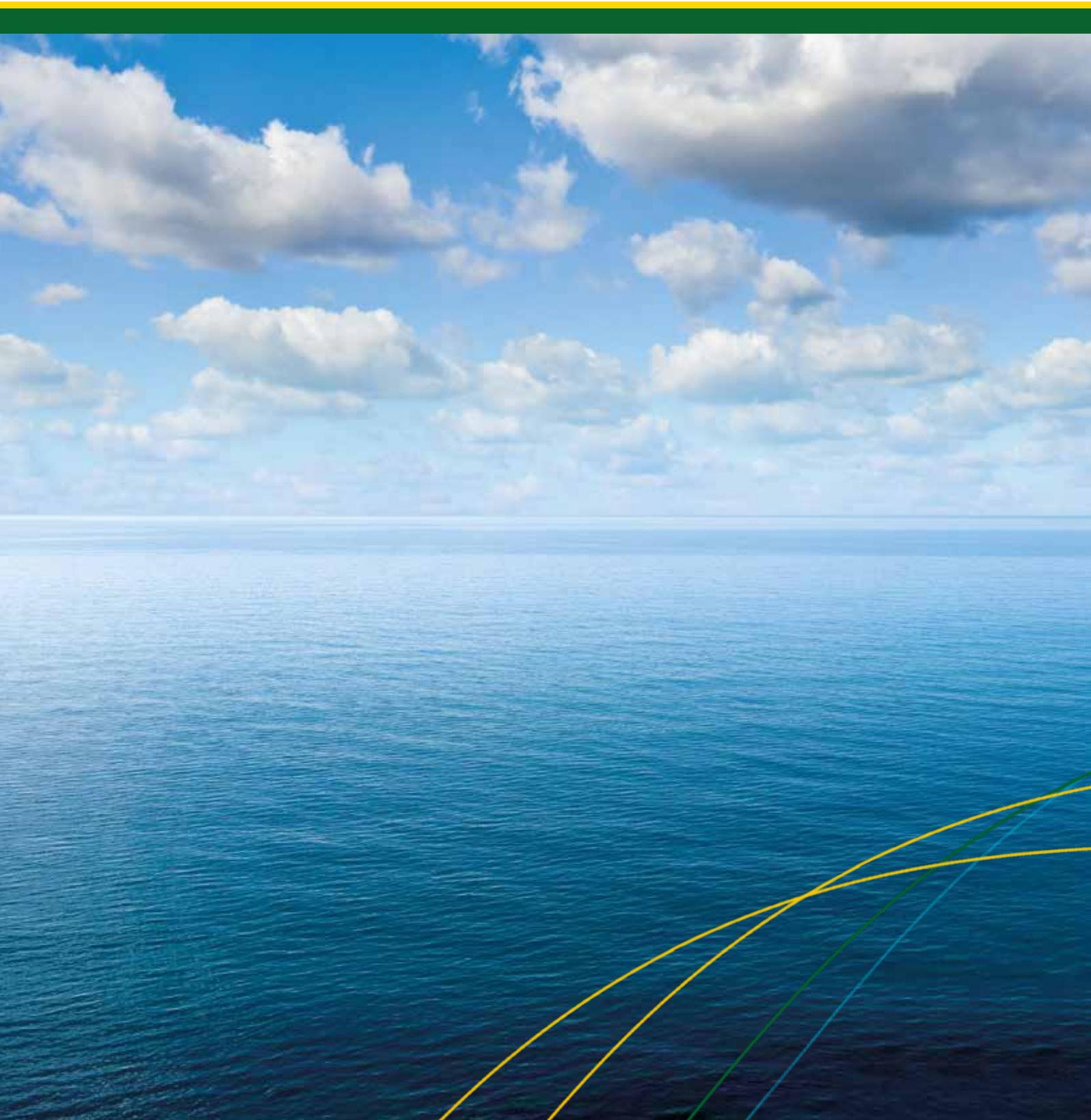
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AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR:
A PROJECT OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE
Proposed Scheme Overview





Introduction

AQUIND Limited ('AQUIND') is developing proposals to build a new High Voltage Direct Current ('HVDC') marine and underground electric power transmission link between the south of England and Normandy in France – AQUIND Interconnector.

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

It will make a significant contribution to improving Great Britain's security of electricity supply and achieving greater affordability by improving competition, making Great Britain's energy market more efficient and enabling greater energy flexibility.

Further, AQUIND Interconnector will help to integrate a greater proportion of non-fossil fuel energy sources and intermittent renewables generation into Great Britain's energy mix.

In July 2018 the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy directed that AQUIND Interconnector

should be treated as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project ('NSIP'). This means that the construction and operation of AQUIND Interconnector can only be consented by a Development Consent Order ('DCO') made by the Secretary of State under the Planning Act 2008.

AQUIND anticipates the DCO application for the Proposed Scheme will be submitted in 2019 after pre-application consultation has been undertaken and the findings have been fully considered when further developing and refining the proposals. It is estimated that AQUIND Interconnector will become operational in 2022.

This information leaflet provides more information on AQUIND Interconnector and how proposals to develop the Proposed Scheme will progress.



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About Interconnectors

Interconnectors are transmission links which allow the transmission of electricity across borders.

Why are interconnectors needed?

The UK Government and the European Commission have identified that interconnectors are vital for achieving an integrated energy market in which families and firms get the best value for their money.

These links will help achieve the Government's ambition of widening access to international markets, thereby increasing competition and security of supply.

“The Government's priority is to maintain affordable, clean, and secure energy supplies for businesses and households. We share the EU's ambition to make energy trading easier and more efficient by opening up national markets, and increasing the level of interconnection between them.”

– The Rt Hon Claire Perry MP,
Minister of State for Energy & Clean Growth (9 May 2018)

A Project of Common Interest

In early 2018, AQUIND Interconnector was awarded Project of Common Interest (PCI) status by the European Commission.

PCIs are key European energy infrastructure projects that address the three challenges of the European energy policy: affordability, security of supply and decarbonisation.

For more information on PCIs please visit the European Commission's website.¹



¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/infrastructure/projects-common-interest>

Elements of AQUIND Interconnector

AQUIND Interconnector is a proposed High Voltage Direct Current ('HVDC') marine and underground electric power transmission link between the south of England and Normandy in France, with the capacity of 2000 MW (net of transition losses).

It is estimated that AQUIND Interconnector will have sufficient capacity to transmit up to 16,000,000MWh 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 4 million British households.²

AQUIND Interconnector is comprised of three principal elements, being the onshore elements in Great Britain, the marine elements between the UK and French coastlines and the onshore elements in France.

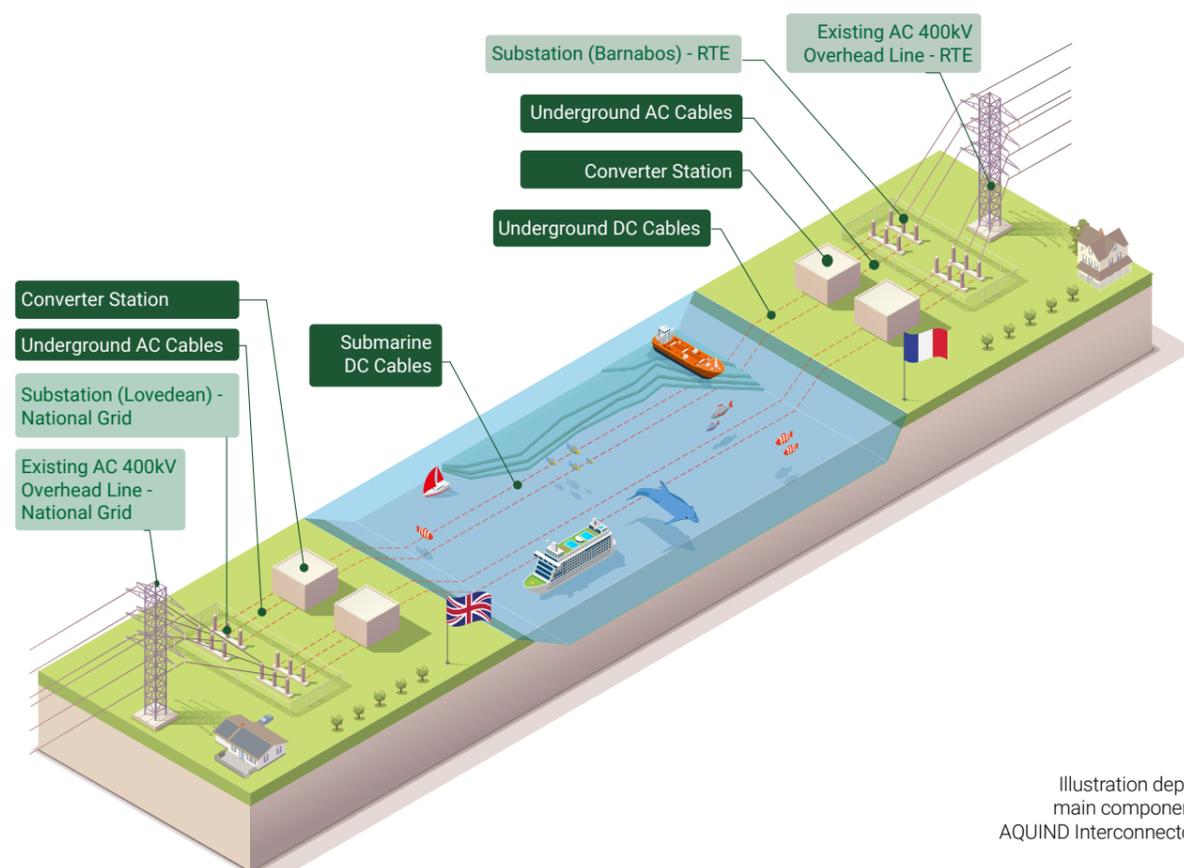


Illustration depicting the main components of the AQUIND Interconnector project

UK onshore elements:

- Works at the existing National Grid Lovedean substation in Hampshire where AQUIND Interconnector will connect to the existing GB grid;
- Underground alternating current ('AC') cables, connecting Lovedean substation to the proposed nearby converter station;
- The construction of a converter station comprising a mix of buildings and outdoor electrical equipment. The building roofline will vary in height but will be approximately 22 m at its peak, and may also include lightning masts;
- Two pairs of direct current ('DC') cables with one fibre optic cable of smaller diameter per pair of cables for data transmission from the proposed landfall site in Eastney (near Portsmouth) to the converter station at Lovedean. The cables will be approximately 20 km in length and the intention is to locate the cables within existing highway or road verges where practicable.

French onshore elements:

- Works to an existing substation at Barnabos, to be carried out by Reseau de Transport d'Electricite ('RTE');
- AC cable planning, installation and connection, undertaken by RTE;
- The construction of a converter station near Barnabos, which will be similar in nature to the UK equivalent;
- Two pairs of underground high voltage direct current cables together with smaller diameter fibre optic cables for data transmission (one for each pair of electric cables) from the landfall on the French shore to the newly built converter station near Barnabos substation, approximately 35 km in length. It is proposed that the landfall site in France will be near Dieppe or Pourville-sur-Mer, with the exact location to be confirmed subject to further environmental and technical assessments.

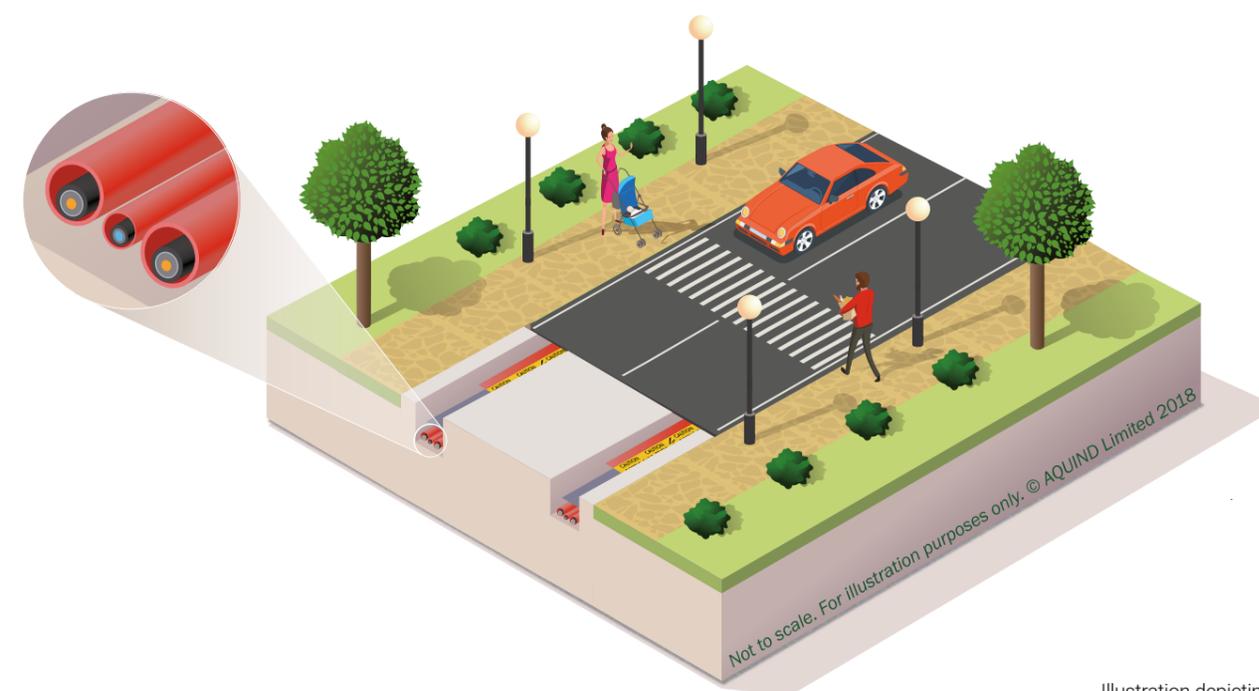


Illustration depicting the HVDC underground cables

² BEIS, Energy Consumption in the UK (ECUK) (2018): https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/729326/ECUK_Tables_2018.xlsx



Marine elements:

- Four marine cables between England and France, which can be bundled in pairs, and a smaller diameter fibre optic cable per pair of marine cables for data transmission. The marine cable route can be divided into the following sections:
 - Approximately 47 km within the UK territorial limit, i.e. 12 nautical miles from the mean high water mark;
 - Approximately 53 km from the UK territorial limit to the boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone ('EEZ');
 - Approximately 58 km from the boundary of the EEZ to the French territorial limit;
 - Approximately 29 km within the French territorial limit, i.e. 12 nautical miles from the mean high water mark.

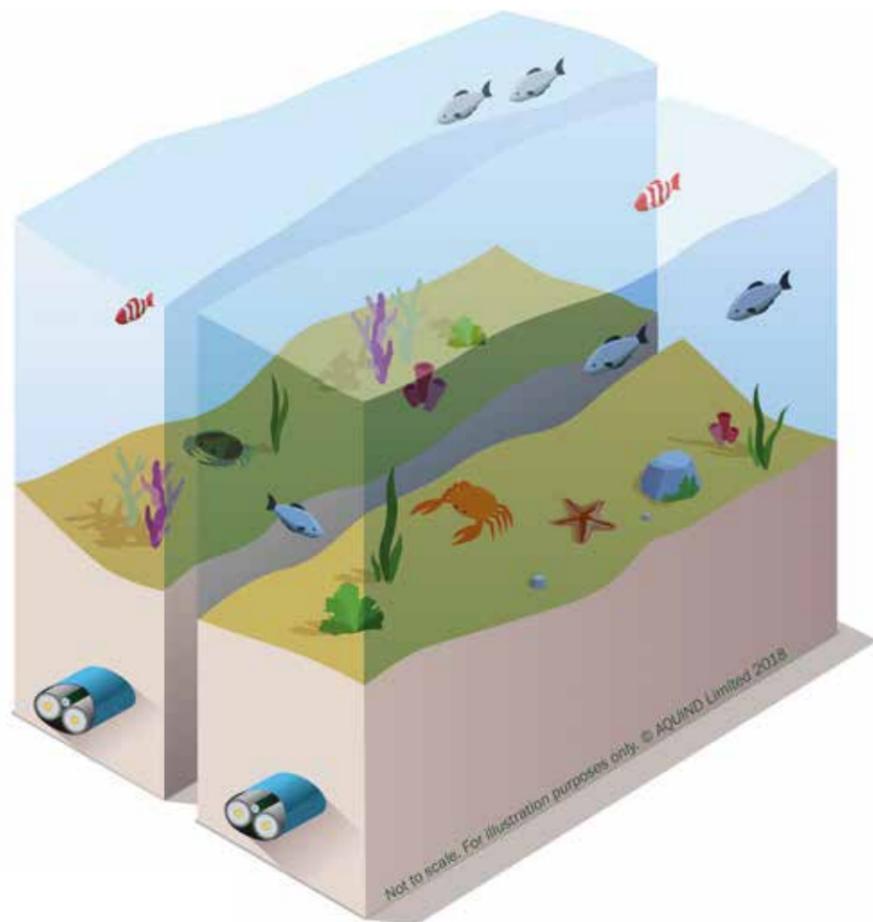


Illustration depicting the HVDC marine cables

Benefits of AQUIND Interconnector



A reliable electricity supply

AQUIND Interconnector will have a capacity of 2000 MW and it is estimated will transmit up to 16,000,000 MWh of electricity between Great Britain and France, accounting for approximately 5% of Great Britain's total electricity consumption.³

AQUIND Interconnector will make a significant contribution to improving Great Britain's security of electricity supply and achieving greater affordability by improving competition, making the GB energy market more efficient and enabling greater energy flexibility.



Promoting energy market competition

Structural difference between the Great British and French wholesale electricity prices means that power through the AQUIND Interconnector is projected to predominately flow from the lower priced French market to Great Britain. This results in strong welfare gains for Great British consumers who benefit from a lower electricity price as comparatively cheaper French power flows to Great Britain.



Tapping into cleaner sources of energy

AQUIND Interconnector will help to integrate a greater proportion of non-fossil fuel energy sources and intermittent renewables generation into the Great British energy mix. It is also expected that electricity imported from France will have much lower CO₂ intensity.⁴ This will reduce reliance on fossil fuel power generation plants and in turn reduce Great Britain's CO₂ emissions from the burning of such fuels.



No overhead lines

AQUIND Interconnector will use well-tested and reliable cable technology. Burying the cable along the whole route avoids the need for the construction of overhead lines and their associated visual impact.



Investment in Energy Infrastructure

AQUIND Interconnector represents a significant investment in the UK's energy infrastructure and is being developed without government subsidies.

³ BEIS, Digest of United Kingdom Energy Statistics (2018), p.136: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/736148/DUKES_2018.pdf

⁴ RTE France: <https://www.rte-france.com/fr/eco2mix/eco2mix-co2>, BEIS, Updated Energy and Emissions Projections 2017 (2018), p.36: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/671187/Updated_energy_and_emissions_projections_2017.pdf

Impacts and mitigation

Due to the environmental sensitivities within and surrounding the Proposed Scheme AQUIND has decided to voluntarily undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment ('EIA') and to submit an Environmental Statement ('ES') and a Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') in support of its application for a DCO to set out the findings of the EIA.

The purpose of the EIA is to identify any likely significant environmental effects which may be caused by the Proposed Scheme and appropriate measures to mitigate those effects. The results of the EIA will be set out in the ES.

The ES to be submitted with the DCO application will be informed by a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). The Scoping Opinions already received from the Local Planning Authorities and Marine Management Organisation (April – June 2018) will ensure that a refined Scoping Report takes into account responses from consultees to date, including the informal consultation in January 2018.

Preliminary Environmental Information regarding the likely environmental effects of the Proposed Scheme will be presented in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') and Non-Technical Summary as part of the consultation materials, and the local community's views on the information contained within the PEIR will be sought.

At the formal consultation, AQUIND will present the preferred approach, including information on the onshore and marine

elements of their proposals such as the landing point location, underground cable routeing, converter station location and design parameters, together with our proposed mitigation strategies.

During the formal consultation process, AQUIND would welcome comment on any aspects of the scheme of interest to consultees and, in particular:

Converter station:

- Landscaping and screening
- General site mitigation
- Construction and traffic management
- Noise attenuation
- Lighting

Cable route:

- Construction and traffic management

Marine:

- Impacts on fishing and shipping areas within the proposed marine cable corridor that might impact local marine users

The planning process

What are Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects?

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('NSIPs') are large scale developments in the fields of energy, transport, water, or waste which require a type of consent known as a "Development Consent Order".

How does the planning process for NSIPs work?

The Planning Act 2008 requires developers of NSIPs to apply to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order ('DCO').

The Planning Inspectorate, acting as the examining authority on behalf of the Secretary of State, will examine the application for a DCO and will seek the public's views on it. The Planning Inspectorate will then submit its recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision. The Secretary of State will make their decision in accordance with applicable national policy, taking into account the local impact of the proposals.

More information about the DCO process can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website.⁵

When will AQUIND submit its DCO?

AQUIND anticipates the DCO application for the Proposed Scheme will be submitted in 2019 after pre-application consultation has been undertaken, and that consultation has been fully considered when further developing and refining the proposals.

Public consultation

AQUIND wants to ensure that the local community and stakeholders have the opportunity to fully understand and comment on our proposal, along with the proposed mitigation.

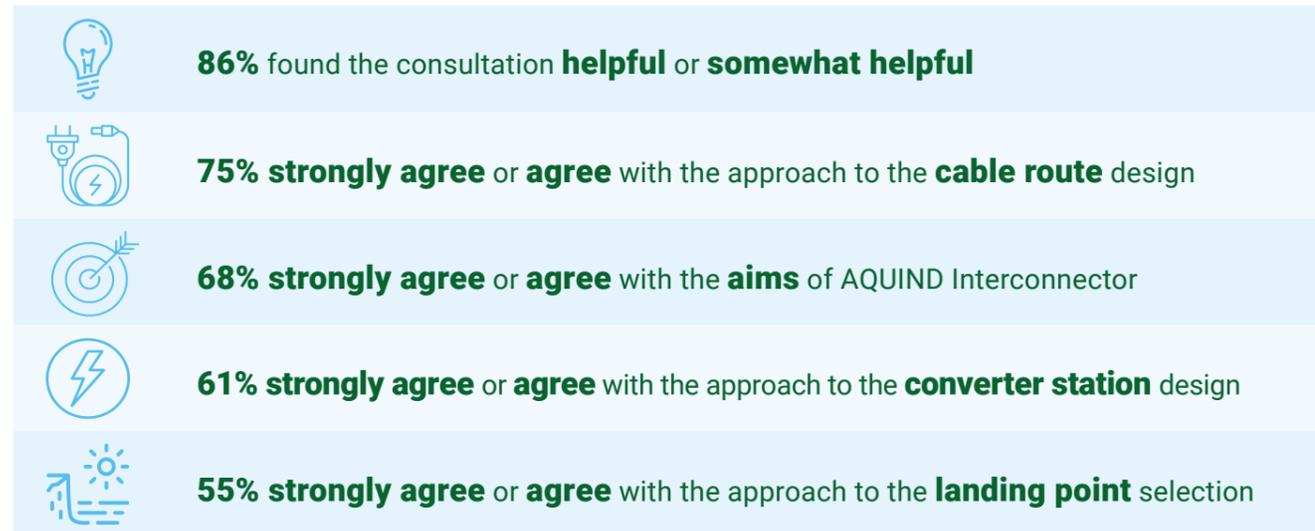
Informal consultation

AQUIND undertook informal consultation on its emerging proposals in January 2018. This included three consultation events in Milton, Waterlooville and Lovedean to which more than 10,000 local households and businesses were invited to attend.

The feedback from these events revealed good-levels of local support for AQUIND's proposals.

AQUIND is committed to listening and responding to the feedback received and this has informed the evolution of the proposals and the scope of the technical assessments.

Feedback summary



"This proposal, which will assist in giving flexibility and certainty of energy available, has to be strongly supported"
Resident of Lovedean

"Great idea, we must move forwards to survive - some disruption must take place with any further development - but once finished, no-one will remember what's been done"
Resident of Waterlooville

Formal consultation

Consultation is an important part of the NSIP process. NSIP developers are required to publicise their proposals widely and consult with the local community, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the proposed development.

Before accepting the application for examination on behalf of the Secretary of State, PINS must be satisfied that adequate pre-application consultation has been conducted.

Later this year, AQUIND will publish a Statement of Community Consultation ("SoCC") setting out how it proposes to consult with the local community on its DCO application.

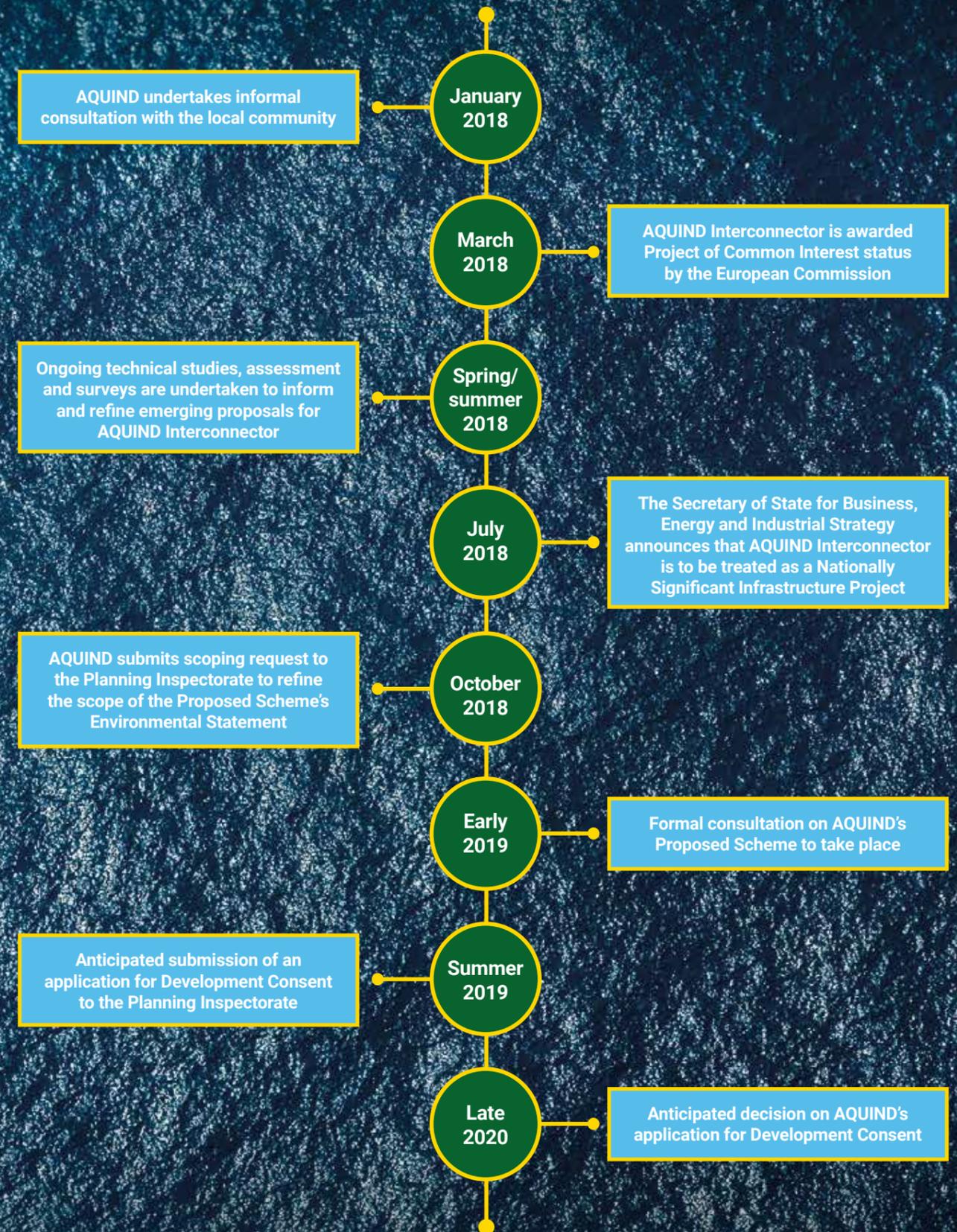
Public consultation will then be carried out in accordance with the SoCC.

AQUIND anticipates public consultation taking place in early 2019.

All comments submitted during the consultation will be recorded and carefully considered by AQUIND and will be taken into account when further developing the proposal.

An explanation of how the comments received have been taken into account will be detailed in the Consultation Report to accompany the DCO application.

Key project milestones





Contact us

If you have any questions, would like further information AQUIND Interconnector you can contact the AQUIND Community Engagement Team via:

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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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[REDACTED]

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 17th 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

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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 13th 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
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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

[Redacted]

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



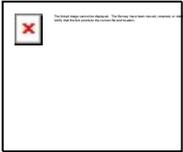
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Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 3:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Aquind Statement of Community Consultation

[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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[Pre-Application guidance for developers](#)

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>
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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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 October 2018 09:11
To: Aquind Consultation <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]

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Subject: AQUIND Interconnector: Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Good afternoon,

As you will be aware, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy recently directed that AQUIND Interconnector be treated as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project' ('NSIP') for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008.

As discussed at the meeting held on 13th August 2018, consultation is an important part of the NSIP process. Developers of NSIPs are required to publicise their proposals widely and consult with the local community, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the proposed development.

Before formal consultation with the local community on AQUIND Interconnector can begin, the Planning Act requires AQUIND to prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult people living in the vicinity of the land affected by the project. This statement is commonly known as a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

Later this year, AQUIND will consult formally on its Statement of Community Consultation, in accordance with Section 48 of the Planning Act.

In advance of that, however, AQUIND would like to invite you to begin informal discussion on behalf of your authority on the content of its Statement of Community Consultation.

As such, please find attached a draft Statement of Community Consultation for AQUIND Interconnector.

A member of the project team will be in touch in the coming days to see if you would like a meeting to discuss this further and to answer any questions you may have in the meantime.

Alternatively, if you have any questions about the Statement of Community Consultation you can contact AQUIND's community engagement team via freephone 01962 893869 or via email at aquindconsultation@becg.com.

Kind regards,

AQUIND Community Relations Team



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 25 September 2018 09:20

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

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: [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 August 2018 11:26

To: [REDACTED]

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 6th 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,




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[REDACTED]
Project Manager
Natural Power

Our reference: DCO/2018/00016

By email only

25 September 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

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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Bronze



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)

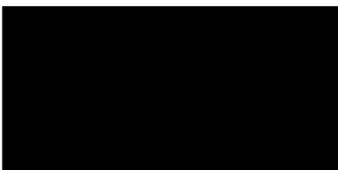
In addition to the above marine stakeholders, the MMO is aware of other individuals/organisations who may have an interest in the project. As advised in my email of 13 September, due to data protection matters I am unable to provide you with their contact details. I have therefore contacted them and 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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Consultation Report – Appendix 1.4N

Statutory Consultation – Responses from local
authorities to formal consultation on SoCC

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For the attention of [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Aquind Interconnector – Statement of Community Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document.

The Highway Authority have previously provided informal comments on the statement. Matters relating to the consultation of planning applications however are usually a matter for the Planning Authorities to determine. The Highway Authority therefore have no formal comments on the document subject to all Planning Authorities being satisfied with the proposals.

The Highway Authority will engage directly with the Planning Authorities should they have any particular highway related matters they wish to discuss with us regarding this document.

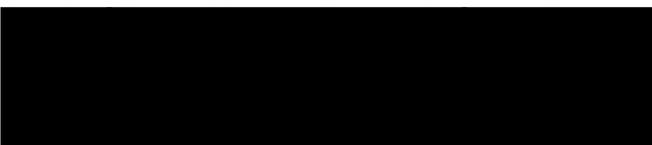
I hope the above is clear but please do not hesitate to contact me if you would wish to discuss our response on this matter.

Yours faithfully



Team Leader

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21 December 2018

Site Location: A3, Hambledon Road, Milton Road within Havant Borough Council
Re: Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Dear Sir,

Thank you for consulting Havant Borough Council on the Draft Statement of Community Consultation.

Having considered the details submitted, we are of the view that broadly the element which is within our Borough, the cable route, provides for sufficient consultation with the community. We do however have the following comments, We share the comments raised by Winchester City Council with regards to Section 9 indicates only electronic versions of the proposal will be available to view at libraries. 9.1.4 says hard copies are only available at a cost.

Whilst this may fall within the limits of the requirements, one hard copy should be sent to each location. When you are looking at plans on a screen, it is hard to view anything meaningful given the scale they appear at. When you enlarge and focus in you lose the wider appreciation.

We are of the view that it is appropriate to consult with both the Borough and County Councillors, as we have outlined at previous meeting, with Hampshire Highway Authority, concerns have been raised regarding the impact of existing developments, namely West of Waterlooville Major Development Area, is currently having an impact on the highway network. Furthermore in terms of current planned works, which Holly Drury has previously outlined, and its subsequent impact on the Highway Network.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Principal Planner
Our Ref: GEN/18/01221

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 January 2019 17:01
To: Aquind Consultation
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: AQUIND Interconnector Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised draft SoCC.

| Paragraph no(s) | Comments |
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| 6.1.8 and 6.1.9 | There was a hiatus between Aquind carrying out early engagement on the project – when it was anticipated that the matter would be dealt with as a planning application – and the point at which the Secretary of State directed that the matter was a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project on 30 July 2018. It would be more accurate to reword para 6.1.9 as otherwise the impression is that there has been a consistent and high level of engagement with the local community throughout all of 2018. |
| 7.2.5 and 7.2.6 | Introduction of the word “endeavour” adds an element of ambiguity to Aquind’s intentions and there ought to be a commitment by Aquind to liaise with PCC and other relevant local authorities regarding identifying such groups. |
| 7.3.1 | Reference to Social Media is limited to Facebook only which is considered restrictive. PCC has previously commented that multiple platforms should be used. It is disappointing that there is no offer to use Twitter as a further means by which the public can be signposted to the Aquind website or Facebook page. Other parts of Local media such as radio and possibly TV may also help with the hard-to-reach. |
| 7.3.1 | There were references to the Non-Technical Summary (“NTS”) being made available at public exhibitions and as part of Consultation Materials. These references have been removed – does this mean that there is no longer the intention to provide copies of the NTS as previously stated? The NTS references should be reinstated. |
| 9.1.1 | More definitive wording should read that at least one hard copy of consultation material (free of charge) “will be made available to view [...]” at each location rather than ambiguity of “is intended to”. |
| As an aside... | There are a couple of typos picked up last time round which have not been corrected, in the table of contents (p.1) at 6 and repeated in the heading (p.9) - “Consultation”. In para 3.1.3, in the final bullet point this should read “Eastney, Portsmouth” and not “Eastney (near Portsmouth)”. |

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

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From: Aquind Consultation [mailto:aquindconsultation@becg.com]
Sent: 11 December 2018 08:55
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Aquind Consultation
Subject: AQUIND Interconnect Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

Further to our previous correspondence - regarding the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) for AQUIND Interconnector - please find attached an updated version of the draft SoCC for your consideration.

As you will be aware, Section 47(2) of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act) requires AQUIND to consult with each local authority that is within section 43(1) of the 2008 Act about what is to be in the SoCC.

The period for consultation on the SoCC - in accordance with section 47(3) of the 2008 Act - will begin on **Wednesday 12 December 2018** and end on **Wednesday 9 January 2019**.

I therefore request that any comments on the SoCC are provided by not later than midnight on **Wednesday 9 January 2019** to myself via aquindconsultation@becg.com.

In the meantime, should you have any queries regarding the draft SoCC or would otherwise like to discuss its contents, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail on aquindconsultation@becg.com or via phone on **01962 893869**.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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18 December 2018 12:14

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Aquind Consultation; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised draft SoCC. Please accept the following observations which I have discussed with [REDACTED]:

Notwithstanding that the earlier request for a 13 week consultation period within which WCC would formally comment on the scheme was rejected, this timescale is still considered the most practical to work within. Therefore we repeated the request again.

Paragraph 6.1.9 would be improved if there was a commitment to updating the Aquind web site at specific intervals. Looking at the Aquind web site it is only apparent in the News/Events folder that there are any dates to given a sense of a the last time the site was updated and any chronology to actions.

We question if the Primary Consultation Zone referred to in paragraph 7.2.2 as set out in appendix 2 fully reflects the zone of theoretical Visibility (ZTV) particularly as referred to in the PINS Scoping response of 7 December 2018. This has implication as set out below.

Paragraph 7.3 does not refer to the use of radio and TV as parts of the media to be used to reach out to people. They are considered to have a role if only to help raise consciousness that the project is under consideration.

At the end of section 7.5 you should set out how the comments you receive will be used. Will they eventually form part of the background information in the submission to PINS. You should also specifically set out how you intend to store and deal with peoples personal details and finally how long you will hold this information. I assume your actions are governed by the Data Protection Legislation?

Section 8 Public Exhibitions: By restricting exhibitions to libraries this seems to limit the availability to view the details in an arch across the northern part of the ZTV. The closest location proposed is Horndean. There needs to be some attempt to reach out to this area by some combination of individual letters or via existing bodies such as Parish Councils (letting them hold a copy for people to view)

or by setting up temporary drop in exhibitions at chosen locations (Clanfield and Hambledon and possibly other venues depending on how extensive the ZTV is). In addition to the resident population, there is also a need to reach out to people who might only visit the area periodically (tourists & walkers who are not members of formal organisations).

Section 9 indicates only electronic versions of the proposal will be available to view at libraries. 9.1.4 says hard copies are only available at a cost.

Whilst this may fall within the limits of the requirements, one hard copy should be sent to each location. When you are looking at plans on a screen, its is hard to view anything meaningful given the scale they appear at. When you enlarge and focus in you loose the wider appreciation.

Regards



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| <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 2.</p> | 7.2.2 | <p>The Applicant issued a mailing to all households and businesses within the PCZ, which was posted on 25 February 2019. Further details of the mailing can be found in Chapter 14.3.2 of the Consultation 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>The Applicant 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> |

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| | | found in Chapter 14.3.2 of the Consultation 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>The Applicant 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>An indicative database 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, The Applicantsought 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 Chapter 14.5 of the Consultation Report.</p> |
| <p>Throughout the formal consultation, AQUIND will be offering presentations and providing</p> | 7.2.5 | <p>The Applicant offered briefings to all groups who requested one during</p> |

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| <p>information directly to such groups in order to facilitate their participation in the consultation process.</p> | | <p>the February – April 2019 consultation period.</p> <p>Further details of the briefings offered and held are available in Chapter 14.3.6 of the Consultation 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, The Applicant 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, the Applicant 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 Chapter 14.3.2 of the Consultation 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>Letters were sent to statutory bodies covered by Section 42 of the 2008 Act on 25 February 2019 advising them of the consultation.</p> <p>Those that had not responded by May 2019 were contacted again to invite them to respond to the consultation on that date.</p> <p>Further details of this can be found in Chapter 11.6.7 of the Consultation Report.</p> |
| <p>AQUIND will formally consult via the following methods:</p> | <p>7.3.1</p> | <p>The Applicant complied with all commitments</p> |

- Statutory notices – Statutory notices will be published in local and national newspapers giving 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

outlined in paragraph 7.3.1 of the SoCC.

Further details of the steps taken to meet these commitments are available at the following chapters of the Consultation Report:

- Statutory notices: Chapter 13
- Public exhibitions: Chapter 14.3.4
- Deposit Locations: Chapter 14.3.5
- Fisheries consultations: Chapter 14.3.2
- Fisheries Notices: Chapter 14.3.2
- Consultation Documents: Chapter 14.3.3
- Consultation Website: Chapter 14.3.7
- Community newsletter: Chapter 14.3.2
- Local media: Chapters 13 and 14.3.2
- Social media: Chapter 14.3.2
- Council and community briefings: Chapter 14.3.6

public exhibitions will be placed at key locations including Portsmouth Harbour, Camber Dock, Eastney Harbour, Langstone Harbour, Selsey 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. 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.

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| <p>Press releases will also be sent to identified media outlets 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"> • 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; • 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. | | |
| <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"> • At public exhibitions – Feedback forms, together with freepost envelopes, will be available to complete all public exhibitions; | 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</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Online – An online feedback form will be available at www.aquindconsultation.co.uk. Electronic copies of the feedback forms can also be downloaded via the website; ● 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; ● 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 ● By phone – The project team can be contacted via freephone on 01962 893869 with any queries. | | <p>duration of the February – April 2019 consultation.</p> <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 the Applicant.</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 Chapter 17 of the Consultation Report.</p> <p>Further to this, details of how the Applicant took into consideration comments from Section</p> |

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| | | 42 consultees are detailed in Chapter 11 of the Consultation Report. |
| 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 www.aquindconsultation.co.uk 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 of the SoCC 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 www.aquindconsultation.co.uk . | 9.1.4 | USBs were available at all deposit locations for the duration of the February – April 2019 consultation. |



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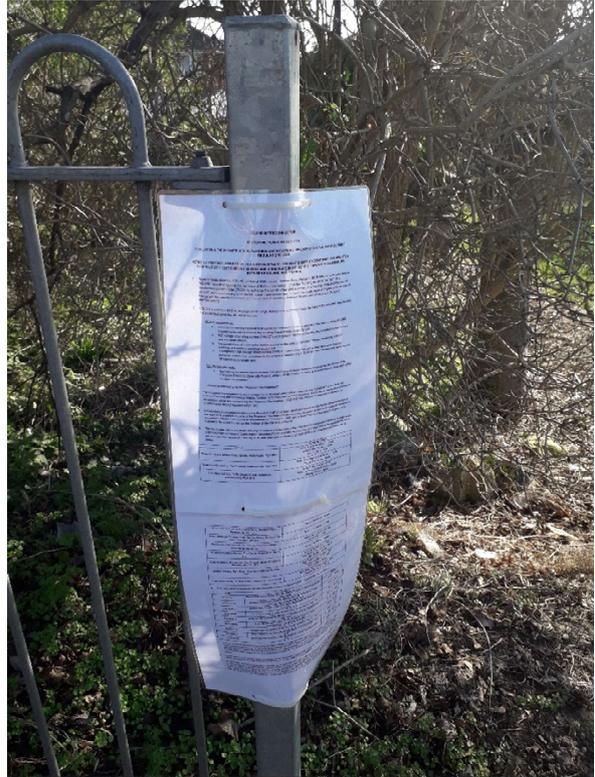
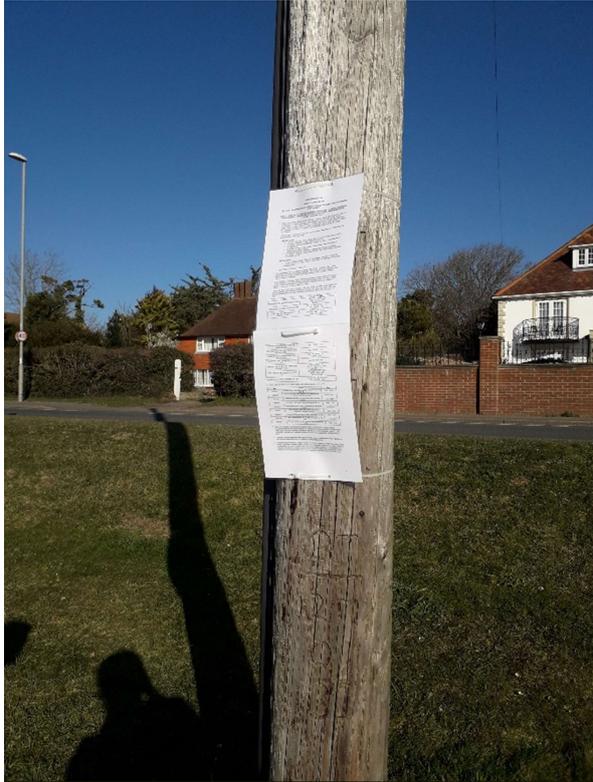
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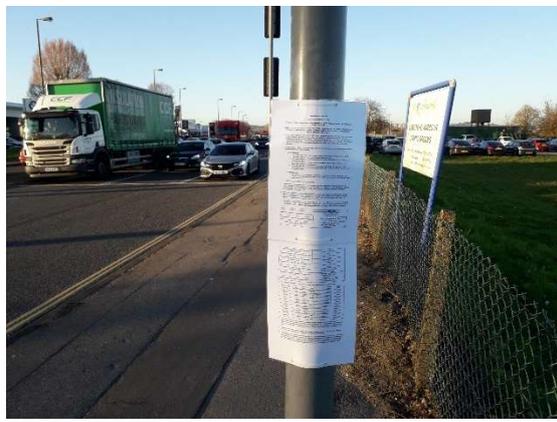
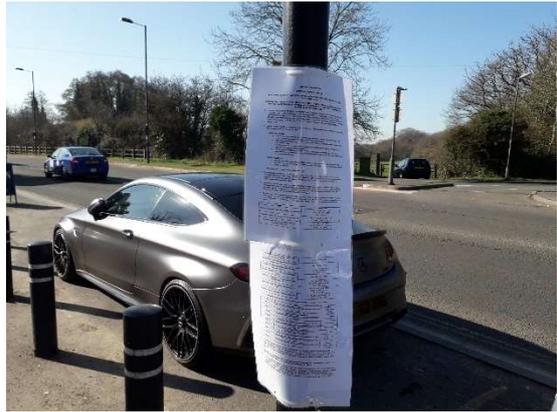
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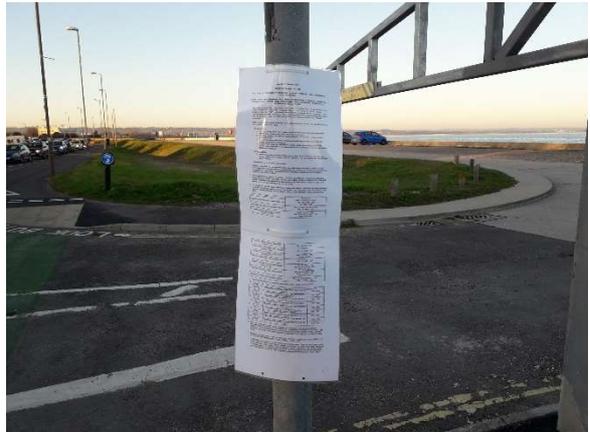
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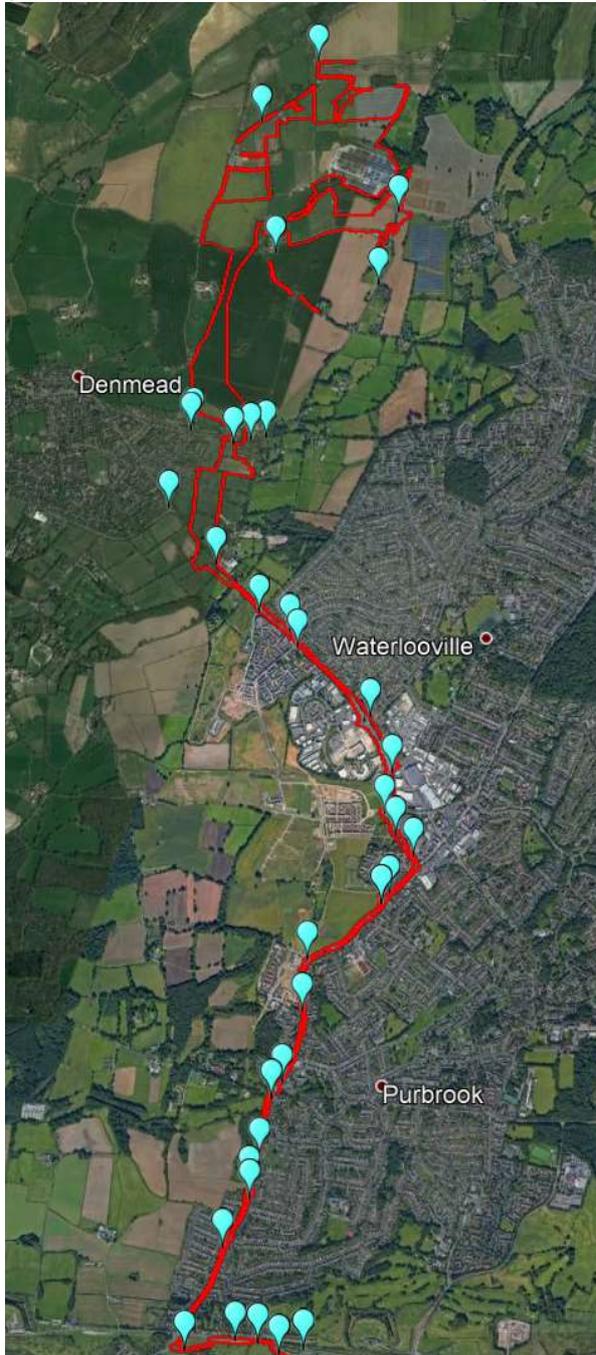




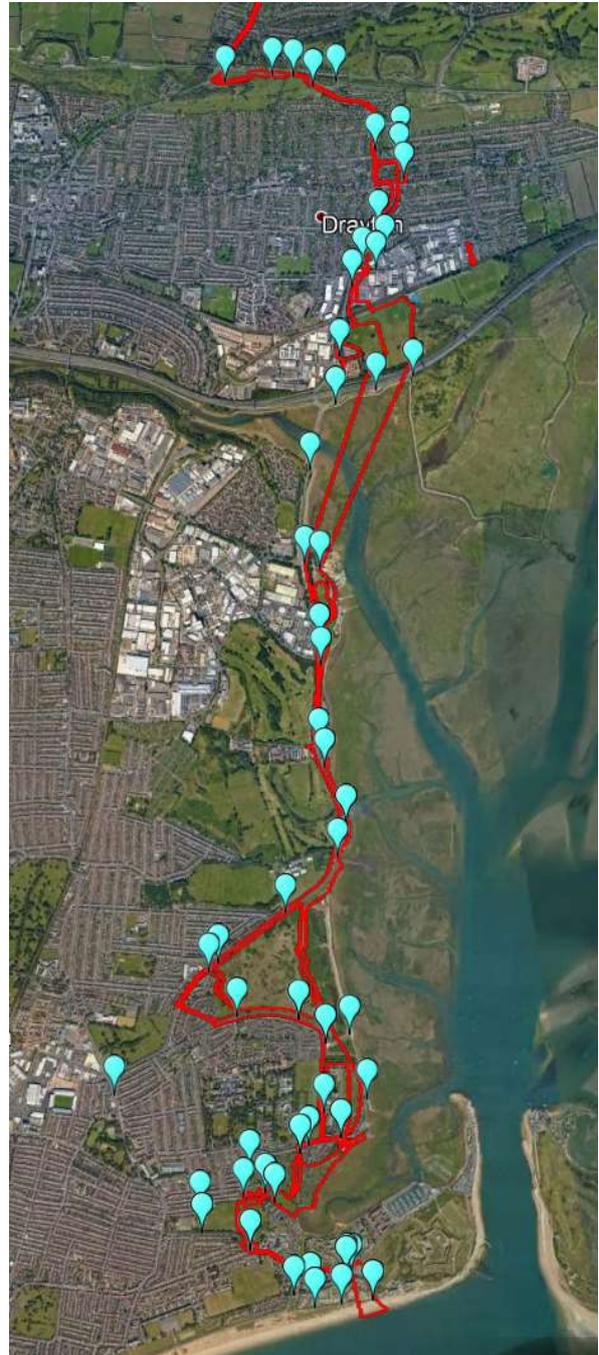


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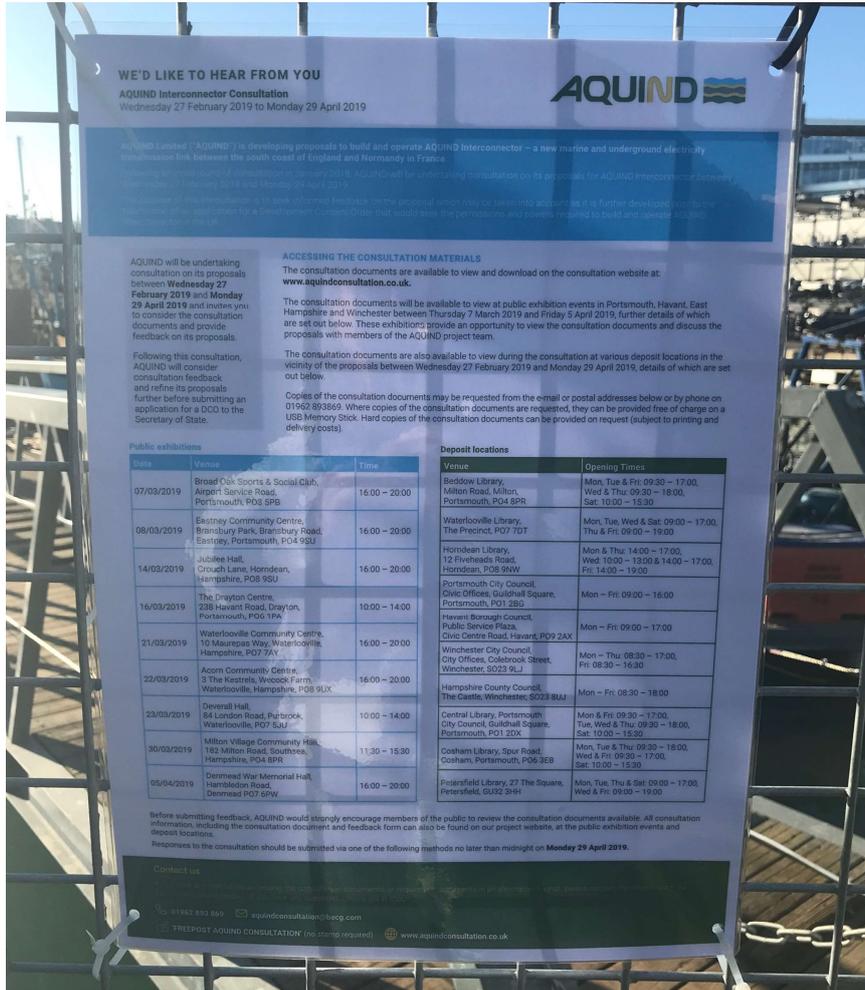
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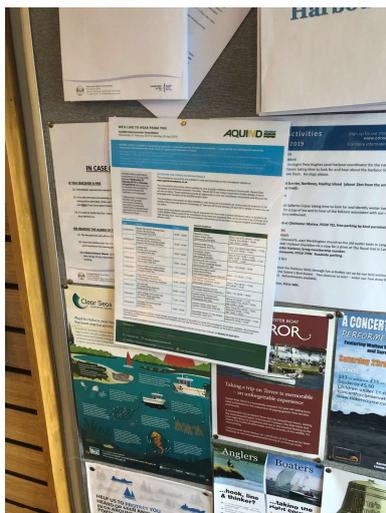
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Briefing Note to inform Ongoing Consultation: Responses to PEIR feedback

The following table provides a summary of key items contained within feedback on PEIR, gratefully received from the British Marine Aggregates Partners Association (BMAPA).

This briefing note is structured in order to provide information to reviewers as to how the applicant proposes to address the comments received as part of the s.42 consultation process.

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| 1 | Shipping, Navigation and Other Marine Users | The distribution of commercially viable marine sand and gravel resources is highly limited, constrained by their geological distribution and their geographical position relative to the markets location. Consequently, with the growing pressures and demands being placed on marine space, it is essential that existing marine aggregate interests (production licences, applications and option areas) are provided adequate protection against new developments that may interfere with their ongoing safe operation through the policies provided in the relevant marine plans that are in place. Equally, given the limited spatial extent of marine sand and gravel deposits, it is also important that areas of potential future resource are clearly identified and flagged so they can equally be considered through the relevant safeguarding policy provisions provided in marine plans – particularly given future resource demands and requirements will inevitably evolve and change over the 20 year plan period and beyond. | <p>Discussions have been ongoing with the aggregate dredging companies most likely to be impacted by the works: Cemex, Volker and Tarmac. Tarmac have indicated that they have no significant concerns regarding the routing of the marine cable. Volker Dredging Ltd have also indicated that the use of a 1 nautical mile buffer around their dredging interests would protect their dredging areas. Cemex have also indicated that they do not have significant concerns regarding the Proposed Development.</p> <p>In order to minimise impacts to the aggregate industry, early engagement was undertaken with dredging companies and The Crown Estate. As a result, the cable route was refined to avoid current aggregate dredging interests such as the former Horsetail dredging area and the route was also moved closer to IFA2 to avoid rocky seabed/fishing grounds and minimise 'sterilisation' of the seabed between the two proposed cables (AQUIND Interconnector and IFA2).</p> <p>There has been regard to potential future areas of interest including through engagement with The Crown Estate, whose current leasing round does not indicate that any of the proposed leasing areas will be along the route of the Proposed Development. The Crown Estate has been consulted, and in their investigations of the potential for</p> |

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| | | | <p>impact to future resource, they have not raised any concerns about potential impacts resulting from the Proposed Development. The Applicant has a signed Option Agreement and agreed Licence with The Crown Estate. Similarly, the aggregate companies consulted have not raised concerns about any impacts from the Proposed Development to future aggregate resource areas of interest.</p> <p>More broadly with regards to Marine Plans, direction was provided by the Secretary of State in July 2018 that the AQUIND Interconnector is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and therefore National Policy Statement (NPS) EN – 1 provides the primary basis for decision making, whilst regard should be made to relevant Marine Plans. Further detail on how the Proposed Development has had regard to the South Marine Plan will be provided as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) application.</p> |
| 2 | Shipping, Navigation and Other Marine Users | <p>In this respect, we consider that the background marine mineral resource data prepared by the British Geological Survey represents an incredibly valuable dataset, not only in terms of defining where the industry may want to go in the future, but also in highlighting where it is unlikely to go. See: https://www.bgs.ac.uk/mineralsuk/planning/resourceOffshore.html And: http://www.marineaggregates.info/downloads-and-links/bgs-mineral-resources-studies.html</p> | <p>AQUIND has used the most recent up to date data available for determining the composition of the seabed which has been ground truthed through project specific marine surveys for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>It should be noted that The Crown Estate have not raised any concerns regarding the impact of the Proposed Development on the future of marine aggregate areas of interest.</p> |
| 3 | Shipping, Navigation and Other Marine Users | <p>We note that the current assessment only considers the potential impacts of the proposed route on existing licensed marine aggregate interests. We further note that no reference has been made to the existing guidance that</p> | <p>The ESCA guidance states that is “<i>generally considered that any aggregate extraction zone outside of 1NM (1.852km) will have a minimal impact</i>”</p> |

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| | | <p>has been produced by the European Subsea Cable Association (ESCA Guideline No.19, 2016) which establishes proximity guidelines to address the potential interaction between subsea cables and marine aggregate interests - https://www.bmapa.org/documents/Guideline_19_Marine_Aggregate_Extraction_Proximity_2.pdf</p> | <p><i>upon a submarine cable."</i> The route of the Proposed Development has been refined through further design work and through consultation with The Crown Estate, aggregate dredging industry and fishermen and has been refined to provide a 1nm buffer from all aggregate interests which will protect, not only the Proposed Development from aggregate dredging activities but will also protect the aggregate interests from the construction of the Proposed Development.</p> |
| 4 | Shipping, Navigation and Other Marine Users | <p>No consideration has been given to the potential for the proposed project to impact on those areas of marine sand and gravel resource that may be considered for use in the future.</p> | <p>Consideration has been made to possible impacts on aggregate resource in addition to existing licensed areas, including consideration of future leasing areas. Potential areas of interest for future use are considered by The Crown Estate, and the current leasing round (started May 2019) does not indicate that any of the proposed leasing areas will be along the route of the Proposed Development. The Crown Estate has been consulted and has not raised any concerns with the potential for future areas around the Proposed Development.</p> |
| 5 | Marine Local | <p>The Marine Policy Statement (para.3.5.6) states that, amongst other considerations, marine plan authorities and decision-makers should: <i>'...take into account the need to safeguard [aggregate] reserves for future extraction'</i>.</p> <p>Policy S-AGG-3 of the South Marine Plan (HM Government, July 2018) applies the Marine Policy Statement taking account of the regional and national importance of the plan area for marine aggregate supply and the spatially discrete areas in which commercially viable deposits of sand and gravel are found. The policy is intended to enable public authorities to consider how proposals for marine development and activities within areas of high potential aggregate resource, as defined by</p> | <p>The DCO application will include detail of how we have had regard to the South Marine Plan and policies including the relevant marine aggregates policies.</p> <p>It should be noted we are required to have regard to a range of policies in the South Marine Plan (not just aggregate policies) including as those relating to protecting marine protected areas and fish resource and commercial fishing; which also have a preference for avoidance of certain areas.</p> <p>The project design process has taken measures to account for possible effects on the aggregate industry, and through refinement, the route has been further optimised closer to shore and</p> |

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| | | <p>British Geological Survey, may impact the ability to access commercially viable marine sand and gravel resources in the future. In turn, this is intended to help maintain access to sufficient supply of aggregate resources in the future. This is further supported by the general policy for co-existence (Policy S-Co-1), which requires 'Proposals will minimise their use of space and consider opportunities for co-existence with other activities'. Therefore, in order to comply with the marine mineral safeguarding policies in the South Inshore/Offshore Marine Plans (particularly policy S-AGG-3), which in turn reflect the requirements of the UK Marine Policy Statement, we consider it necessary for both the routing plan and the decommissioning programme for the AQUIND interconnector to take full and proper account of the potential for marine mineral resources to be permanently sterilised over the long term.</p> | <p>approximately halfway along the route, following discussion with The Crown Estate, the aggregate dredging industry and fishermen.</p> <p>Chapter 2 (Alternatives) of our Environmental Statement provides details of this process, including how the cable route was refined in mid-channel, not only to cross the main shipping corridors more safely but also to avoid existing aggregate areas. The nearshore revision avoided, as far as possible, the former Horsetail dredging area, and moved the route closer to IFA2 to avoid rocky seabed/fishing grounds and minimise 'sterilisation' of the seabed between the two proposed cables (AQUIND Interconnector and IFA2).</p> |
| 6 | Shipping, Navigation and Other Marine Users | <p>Where cable infrastructure is found to coincide with commercially viable marine sand and gravel resources, the default position should be a commitment for any permanent constraint on the ability to use that resource in the future to be removed in its entirety once it reaches the end of its commercial life.</p> | <p>As stated in Section 3.2.10 of Chapter 3 (Description of the Proposed Development) of the Environmental Statement, the decommissioning of the marine cable will be determined by the relevant legislation and guidance available at the time of decommissioning. A decommissioning plan will also be developed and agreed with The Crown Estate. The Development Consent Order / Deemed Marine Licence will not grant approval for the decommissioning of the marine cable and as such a separate marine licence may be required closer to the time of decommissioning and production of the decommissioning plan.</p> <p>At the time of decommissioning, the options for decommissioning the cable will be evaluated and could include consideration of leaving the marine cable in situ, removal of the entire marine cable or removal of sections of the marine cable. These options will be</p> |

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| | | | <p>evaluated against the relevant decommissioning guidance available at the time and environmental implications, safe navigability of the area for other sea users and liability risks. A similar process will be undertaken for other infrastructure installed as part of the Proposed Development i.e. non-burial cable protection.</p> |
| 7 | Marine Local | <p>More generally, we are surprised at the limited references that are made to the South Marine Plan and its associated policy requirements as they relate to existing uses and activities, given the requirement for decisions relating to NSIP projects to have regard to these.</p> | <p>The DCO submission to the Planning Inspectorate will provide further detail of how we have had regards to the relevant policies of the South Marine Plans as well as the NPS.</p> |

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| Appendix Reference | Amendment |
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| 5.1.1M | Addition of Cover Letters. |
| 5.1.2A | Addition of DCO Press Release (July 2018), removal of Cover Letter (August 2018) |
| 5.1.2B | Addition of Cover Letter (August 2018), removal of DCO Press Release (July 2018) |
| 5.1.3G | Addition of Information Leaflet (October 2018) |
| 5.1.4K | Section 42 Cover Letter removed, and Informal SoCC Reponses added. |
| 5.1.4N | Addition of Formal SoCC Consultation Responses from PCC, WCC, HBC, EHBC responses. |
| 5.1.4P | Updated Consultation Report paragraph references. |
| 5.1.5G | Addition of Harbour Posters in situ |
| 5.1.7I | Re-references as 5.1.7I (previously two 5.1.7H's) |