



The Planning Inspectorate Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector

Case ref: EN020022

Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection

USI4: 24 June 2020, 1140 to 1220.

Andrew Mahon from the ExA carried out an Unaccompanied Site Inspection at Butser Hill. This was a linear walk along the approach lane to Butser Hill picnic site and car park (known as the South Downs Way) and into part of the country park itself. It included the location of the Applicant's viewpoint 17 [APP-267]).

The whole route allowed long-distance views southwards to the coast and the Harbours were clearly visible. The ExA observed the panoramic views and the context of the chalk topography and diverse vegetation patterns, including coniferous and deciduous woodland, open downland and scrub, and agricultural fields with well hedged boundaries. The influence of the A3 in the valley running north to south away from the viewpoint was noted, including its effect on visual amenity and the noise environment.

The Proposed Development site was located visually within the expansive view, along with its relationship to the principal valley and wooded slope features that draw the eye, especially along the A3 southwards.

Map A: the route taken

