



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

USI6: 22 July 2020, 1110 to 1340.

Andrew Mahon from the ExA carried out an Unaccompanied Site Inspection from the car park at Fort Widley on Portsdown Hill and nearby open space and footpaths.

Clear, long-distance views were available from the ridge southwards across Portsea Island and the Harbours to the Isle of Wight and beyond, and to the South Downs to the north.

The views towards the Proposed Development site were compared with the Applicant's ZTV ([APP-242] to [APP-249]), and the visualisations for Viewpoint 9 [APP-259], which helped to establish the position of the Proposed Development site in the landscape.

The panoramic nature of the views was noted, along with the very different characteristics and quality of those to the north, to the south and along the ridge to the west and east. The relationship between the car park, paths, picnic area and other recreational amenities with the views, and the typical visitor experience was also established.

Map A: the route taken

