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1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1.1.1. A Statement of Common Ground ('SoCG') is a written statement produced as part of the application process for an application for a Development Consent Order ('DCO') and is prepared jointly by the applicant and another party. A SoCG sets out the matters of agreement between both parties, matters where there is not agreement and matters which are under discussion.
- 1.1.1.2. In this regard paragraph 58 of the Department for Communities and Local Government's guidance entitled "Planning Act 2008: examination of applications for development consent" (26 March 2015) hereafter referred to as DCLG Guidance) describes a SoCG as follows:
- "A statement of common ground is a written statement prepared jointly by the applicant and another party or parties, setting out any matters on which they agree. As well as identifying matters which are not in real dispute, it is also useful if a statement identifies those areas where agreement has not been reached. The statement should include references to show where those matters are dealt with in the written representations or other documentary evidence."*
- 1.1.1.3. The aim of a SoCG is to assist the Examining Authority to manage the examination of an application for a DCO by providing an understanding of the status of matters at hand and allowing the Examining Authority to focus their questioning. The effective use of SoCG is expected to lead to a more efficient examination process.
- 1.1.1.4. All matters discussed within this SoCG have been agreed between the Parties. A signed version of the SoCG is submitted at Deadline 1 dated 5 October 2020.

1.2. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.2.1.1. AQUIND Limited ('the Applicant') submitted an application for the AQUIND Interconnector Order (the 'Order') pursuant to Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 'PA2008') to the Secretary of State ('SoS') on 14 November 2019 (the 'Application').
- 1.2.1.2. The Application seeks development consent for those elements of AQUIND Interconnector (the 'Project') located in the UK and the UK Marine Area (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.2.1.3. The Project is a new 2,000 MW subsea and underground High Voltage Direct Current ('HVDC') bi-directional electric power transmission link between the South Coast of England and Normandy in France. By linking the British and French electric power grids it will make energy markets more efficient, improve security of supply and enable greater flexibility as power grids evolve to adapt to different sources of

renewable energy and changes in demand trends such as the development of electric vehicles. The Project will have the capacity to transmit up to 16,000,000 MWh of electricity per annum, which equates to approximately 5 % and 3 % of the total consumption of the UK and France respectively.

1.2.1.4. The Proposed Development includes:

- HVDC Marine Cables from the boundary of the UK Exclusive Economic Zone to the UK at Eastney in Portsmouth;
- Jointing of the HVDC Marine Cables and HVDC Onshore Cables;
- HVDC Onshore Cables;
- A Converter Station and associated electrical and telecommunications infrastructure;
- High Voltage Alternating Current ('HVAC') Onshore Cables and associated infrastructure connecting the Converter Station to the Great Britain electrical transmission network, the National Grid, at Lovedean Substation; and
- Smaller diameter Fibre Optic Cables ('FOC') to be installed together with the HVDC and HVAC Cables and associated infrastructure.

1.3. THIS STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND AND THE ROLE OF EBC

1.3.1.1. This SoCG has been prepared jointly by the Applicant and Eastleigh Borough Council ('EBC') in accordance with the DCLG Guidance and precedent examples of SoCG available on the Planning Inspectorate's ('PINS') website.

1.3.1.2. EBC is interested in the Proposed Development as a Local Planning Authority ('LPA') in respect of the parts of the Proposed Development that are of interest to the local community.

1.3.1.3. For the purpose of this SoCG the Applicant and EBC will be jointly referred to as the 'Parties'.

2. SECTION 42 CONSULTATION

2.1.1.1. The table below sets out a summary of the response received by Aquind to the S42 consultation in relation to the Proposed Development. The SoCG between the parties has been requested by the Examining Authority (ExA) in the Rule 6 letter dated 3 July 2020 and subsequent discussions with EBC indicated a preference for a SoCG.

2.1.1.2. The table below sets out a summary of response received by Aquind to the S42 consultation in relation to the Proposed Development:

Table 2.1 – S42 consultation

Date	Form of Contact	Summary
25.02.2019	S42 / Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).	Response from EBC dated 27.3.19 raised no objection.

3. THE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

3.1. TOPICS COVERED IN THE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

3.1.1.1. The following topics discussed between the Applicant and EBC are discussed in this SoCG:

- Transport impacts



4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1. TRANSPORT IMPACTS

Table 4.1 – Transport Impacts

Ref.	Description of matter	Current Position	RAG
Watching Brief			
EBC 4.1.1	EBC interest in the project	EBC has registered as an Interested Party (IP) in order to be informed of the development of the application. “As a neighbouring Local Authority we would like to register as an interested party in order to keep track of the application and assess any impacts on our local residents, which are likely to be linked to construction traffic movements.” EBC has no specific interest in the project beyond construction traffic movements.	Agreed
EBC 4.1.2	Key roads within EBC	It is agreed that the key roads that fall within the administrative boundaries of EBC are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M27 (Junction 5, 7 & 8) • M3 (Junction 12/13) • A27 • A335 • B3043 • B3335 • B3354 • B3037 	Agreed
EBC 4.1.3	Construction traffic	Construction traffic associated with the Proposed Development proposals may use the M27 / M3 depending upon the origin of materials and workforce. The number of trips generated on roads within EBC are however likely to be low and will occur outside of the AM and PM peak hours as prescribed in the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (FCTMP).	Agreed
EBC 4.1.4	Construction traffic – Access	All construction traffic related to the Converter Station will be required to use the A3, M27, M3 or A27 Strategic Road Network to access the A3(M), where access to the Converter Station will be achieved only from A3(M) Junction 2, Dell Piece West, A3 Portsmouth Road, Lovedean Lane and Day Lane. This is secured in the updated Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan at paragraph 3.2.1.2.	Agreed

5. SIGNATURES

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