

WRITTEN REPRESENTATION

Representation by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc to the Application by Aquind Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the to the AQUIND Interconnector Order ("the Project").

As set out in its Relevant Representation, National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc ("National Grid") objects to the approval of the draft Aquind Interconnector Development Consent Order in its current form as it fails to adequately protect that of National Grid's infrastructure and land which is within, or in close proximity to, the proposed Order limits.

National Grid briefly sets out its position below and requests that the Examining Authority has due regard to the contents of this representation. National Grid is engaged in negotiations with the Applicant in relation to the form of protective provisions, for its benefit, which it will wish to see incorporated in the draft Order. At the time of this representation those negotiations are ongoing. National Grid therefore wishes to maintain its objection unless and until satisfactory protection for its land and assets is included in the draft Order.

The following assets, which form an essential part of the electricity transmission network in England and Wales are within, or in close proximity to, the Order limits:

Overhead Lines

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| VB (400kV) overhead line route | Fleet to Lovedean 2 |
| 4VF (400kV) overhead line route | Bolney to Lovedean 2 |
| | Bolney to Lovedean 1 |
| 4YC (400kV) overhead line route | Lovedean to Mann to Nursling |
| 4YE (400kV) overhead line route | Botley Wood to Lovedean |
| | Fawley to Lovedean |

Substations

Lovedean 4 400kV substation
Lovedean 1 132kV substation

Protective provisions

In respect of the National Grid infrastructure located within, or in close proximity to, the Order limits, National Grid will require protective provisions to be included in the Order that ensure its property interests, including rights of access, are protected, that appropriate protection for its apparatus is maintained during and after construction of the Project, and that safety standards are complied with during construction.

The draft Development Consent Order provides that, subject to protective provisions, the undertaker may possess, acquire, extinguish or create interests in and rights over the order land belonging to statutory undertakers. National Grid's interests in the Order land are required for use of, access to, and maintenance of the national electricity transmission system. Accordingly, protective provisions are necessary to ensure that any rights acquired by the undertaker do not prevent National Grid from performing its statutory functions and maintaining its apparatus, including apparatus that is proposed to connect the Project to the electricity transmission system. National Grid's rights to retain its apparatus in situ along with its rights of access to inspect, maintain, renew and repair such apparatus located within or in close proximity to the Order limits should be maintained, at all times, and access to inspect and maintain such apparatus must not be restricted.

National Grid has issued guidance in respect of safety, standards and protocols for working near its equipment. This includes compliance with safety standards and relevant clearances, and National Grid requires prior approval of plans and methodologies for working within 15 metres of its apparatus. National Grid requires specific protective provisions in the Order to provide appropriate assurance that the relevant standards will be complied with by the undertaker when operating in the vicinity of its electricity transmission assets.

National Grid's primary concern is to meet its statutory obligations and ensure that the Project does not impact adversely upon those obligations. The proposed Order does not include protective provisions which meet National Grid's requirements and National Grid therefore objects to the grant of the Order in its current form. National Grid reserves the right to make further representations

during the Examination but in the meantime will continue to engage with the Applicant with a view to reaching a satisfactory form of agreed protective provisions.

Statement of Common Ground

National Grid received a draft Statement of Common Ground from the Applicant on 1 October 2020 which it is in the process of reviewing at the date of this representation.

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