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**Subject:** RE: EN020022 - AQUIND Interconnector - Update  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find responses from Portsmouth Water in relation to ExQ1 (deadline 1 matter) below:

**CA1.3.43**

Question:

*What are the current positions of the Applicant and the following Statutory Undertakers in terms of protective provisions? (Appendix B of the Statement of Reasons [APP-022] refers.)*

*If agreement has not been reached on protective provisions, what is the envisaged timescale for such an agreement?*

- i) Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.
- ii) Portsmouth Water Ltd.
- iii) SGN - Southern Gas Network PLC.
- iv) SSE PLC (High Voltage).
- v) SSE PLC (Low Voltage).

Answer:

The Statement of Reasons says "Portsmouth Water has apparatus within the Order Limits. The Applicant has contacted Portsmouth Water to consult with and agree protective provisions and will continue to discuss this following submission of the Application." At present, discussions are on-going but we would expect agreement to be reached within the next few months, and no particular issues are anticipated.

**DCO1.5.40**

Question:

*Please comment on whether the suite of protective provisions written into the dDCO [APP-019] would be sufficient to ensure respective undertakers are able to meet their statutory obligations and ensure that any development does not impact in any adverse way upon those statutory obligations.*

Answer:

We have not had an opportunity to review the suite of protective provisions written into the draft Development Consent Order in detail. However, no particular issues in regard to our statutory obligations are anticipated. This will form part of our on-going discussions with the Applicant.

**OW1.12.9**

Question:

*Given the importance of groundwater in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, and especially the Converter Station site, are Portsmouth Water and the Environment Agency content with the conclusion reached in paragraph [18.5.4.4](#) of the ES [APP-133] that there is no real risk to public water supply in Source Protection Zone 1 as a result of these proposals?*

Answer:

We have co-ordinated with the Environment Agency to provide a response to this question.

We are not content with the conclusion that there is no real risk to public water supply in Source Protection Zone 1 as a result of the proposals. We, along with the Environment Agency, have raised this with the Applicant as part of our on-going discussions relating to the Converter Station site.

We do however agree that the risks can be managed if best practices and suitable controls are adopted, and detailed discussions have been held and will continue to be held with the Applicant about such practices and controls. Particular focus is upon the 'Surface Water and Aquifer Contamination Mitigation Strategy' (APP-360)

which is a document that is intended to be updated by the Applicant in due course to reflect recent discussions held with us, the Environment Agency and Hampshire County Council Lead Local Flood Authority.

We note that compliance with this document (APP-360) is referenced in the Requirements within the draft Development Consent Order (section 12(2) - APP-019), albeit this section is entitled "Surface and foul water drainage" which is not entirely reflective of the broader matters this document intends to cover. It may be helpful to amend the Requirement in due course, and we will work with the Applicant to address this if necessary as we proceed.

Kind regards, Simon

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Dear Mr Deacon,

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A notification would also have been sent by post to:

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I can confirm that there are questions directed to Portsmouth Water.

Kind regards,

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Hi There;

Several other stakeholders have recently received an e-mail from yourselves regarding Rule 6 letter update and that [ExA's Written Questions](#) (ExQ1) have also been published.

Is Portsmouth Water going to receive an e-mail? In particular, if there are any questions that Portsmouth Water needs to answer then please let us know.

Kind regards, Simon

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 6 and 9**

**Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector Project**

**Procedural Decision to Postpone the Preliminary Meeting**

Your reference: 20023142

The Examining Authority has today issued a Procedural Decision to postpone the Preliminary Meeting (PM), previously scheduled for Wednesday 22 April 2020, following Government advice in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please note that this is a decision to postpone rather than cancel this event. The ExA remains appointed and are now reviewing all Examination procedures. We will write to you again with further procedural proposals for the Examination, once that work is complete.

The letter can be found in the 'documents' tab on the Project Page of the National Infrastructure website:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-001109>

If this link does not open automatically, please cut and paste it into your browser. Alternatively, it has been published to the 'documents' tab on the project page of our website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=docs>.

Yours faithfully

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