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FAO the Planning Inspectorate

RE: Deadline 1 Submission in respect of the Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector Project.

In line with the Planning Inspectorate's requests for deadline 1, please find a summary of responses on behalf of Portsmouth City Council set out below:

Task A - Response to ExQ1

Please see Appendix A.

Task B - Local Impact Reports (LIR) from Local Authorities

Please see Appendix B.

Task C - Written Representations (WRs) including summaries of all WRs exceeding 1500 word

Please see Appendix C.

Task D - Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) requested by the ExA

Please see Appendix D.

Task E - Statement of Commonality for SoCG

Not provided.

Task F - Notification of wish to participate in Open Floor Hearings (OFH1 or OFH2) (see Annex B)

We can confirm that relevant lead officers from Portsmouth City Council wish to participate in the Open Floor Hearings. Additionally, Celina Colquhoun, Counsel from 39 Essex Chambers will act as legal representation on behalf of Portsmouth City Council and Ian Cunliffe, Director - Head of Infrastructure Development from Gateley Hamer will provide representation on behalf of Portsmouth City Council for any matters relating to land and compulsory acquisition.

Task G - Notification of wish to participate in Compulsory Acquisitions Hearings (CAH1 or CAH2) (see Annex B)

We can confirm that relevant lead officers from Portsmouth City Council wish to participate in the Compulsory Acquisitions Hearings. Additionally, Celina Colquhoun, Counsel from 39 Essex Chambers will act as legal representation on behalf of Portsmouth City Council and Ian Cunliffe, Director - Head of Infrastructure Development from Gateley Hamer will provide representation on behalf of Portsmouth City Council for any matters relating to land and compulsory acquisition.

Task H - Notification of wish to participate in the Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order (ISH1) (see Annex B)

We can confirm that relevant lead officers from Portsmouth City Council wish to participate in the Issue Specific Hearings. Additionally, Celina Colquhoun, Counsel from 39 Essex Chambers will act as legal representation on behalf of Portsmouth City Council and Ian Cunliffe, Director - Head of Infrastructure Development from Gateley Hamer will provide representation on behalf of Portsmouth City Council for any matters relating to land and compulsory acquisition.

Task I - Submission by the Applicant, IPs and APs of suggested locations for the ExA

The current assumption is that all hearings will take place virtually via MS teams. However, should this position change i.e. it is agreed that meetings will take place in person, Portsmouth City Council would like to request that all meeting locations are accessible to Portsmouth City Council Officers and residents. We would like to suggest Portsmouth Guildhall (City Centre and next to the train station) as a possible venue for any physical meetings.

Task J - Highways to provide suggestions of where site visits could/should be carried out

Portsmouth City Council were asked to respond to a supplementary question regarding suggestions for site visits. Our suggestions are set out below:

- A2030 Eastern Road PM peak at both approach to A27 and to the south near Tangier Road - <https://goo.gl/maps/HRzwHTZ1kQHBzxMAA>
<https://goo.gl/maps/EBBsxJKMd3T7hyCW6>

- Copnor Rd Jct/w Burrfields Rd PM peak - <https://goo.gl/maps/wMy2tED9a9uJMfZ5A>
- Burrfields Road (jct/w Dundas Lane) especially at school egress (2.45-3pm) - <https://goo.gl/maps/SVnpA5cAVK8BTgt79>
- A27 westbound offslip AM peak (won't be able to do accompanied visit due to location but important to see current conditions) - <https://goo.gl/maps/5ZJg8zstzHDYo66E8>

Desirable (time permitting):

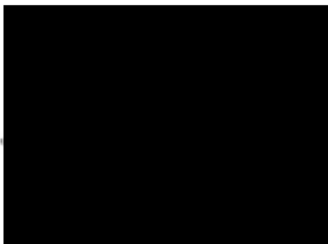
- The area around Norway Road heading toward Eastern Road or out to Portsbridge might be useful for further context of the current saturation if there is time (perhaps not essential) <https://goo.gl/maps/GRn3iwfmNXTsZxYU6>
<https://goo.gl/maps/8Xu7Wk1oZzEaYhKU8>
- Re-distribution analysis shows a reasonable number of vehicles heading west across to Stamshaw Rd via North End residential roads - again if there is time this could be impactful in the AM peak where there tends to be queuing already at Stamshaw. <https://goo.gl/maps/ibSheEpWZcjehKKy8>
- Farlington Avenue to show the relative impact upon residents as a result of road closure (any time of day) - <https://goo.gl/maps/NTVtCT2BggwrnhXf8>
- All of the Eastern Road

We trust that the above and enclosed submissions meet your requirements. Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Grateful if you could confirm the expected turnaround time for responses for Deadline 1 as I understand we will be required to provide comments on these for Deadline 2 on 20th October 2020.

We look forward to hearing your response.

Yours sincerely,



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