



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

### **Agenda for Open Floor Hearing 2**

In its letter dated 15 September 2020, the Examining Authority notified Interested Parties of its decision to hold an Open Floor Hearing on the following date:

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Open Floor Hearing 2	7 December 2020 18.30 am Arrangements conference starts at 18.00 am	Online via Microsoft Teams invitation <sup>1</sup>

### **Participation, conduct and management of Hearing**

This is the second Open Floor Hearing to be held in this Examination. It is being held to allow Interested Parties to make oral representations about the application.

Government restrictions relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19) are in force, requiring people to avoid non-exempt gatherings of more than six people and to work from home if possible. The Examining Authority will therefore conduct this Hearing using digital and telephone technology. Invited participants can join using a computer, laptop, tablet, mobile phone or landline telephone. The Applicant intends to livestream the Hearing, and a recording will be made available on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure website.

Invitees will receive a joining link or telephone number through which you can join the Arrangements Conference in a separate email, shortly before the Hearing. This is solely for your use. Please join the Arrangements Conference at the appointed time shown above and wait until the Case Manager registers you, and then admits you to the Hearing. The Arrangements Conference allows procedures to be explained and enables the Hearing to start promptly.

The Hearing will be subject to the powers of control of the Examining Authority and we will be inviting registered participants to make an oral representation to us. You will see that, due to the number of requests to speak, each Interested Party will be strictly limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Please run through your representation in advance to ensure it can be completed within 5 minutes to avoid us having to cut your

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<sup>1</sup> Further information is available in Advice Note 8.6, available at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>



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contribution short. To facilitate an efficient Hearing, we would also ask those with common points to come together and to nominate a spokesperson or representative speakers to cover specific topics, so as to avoid repetition.

As the Hearing will be recorded, please do not include any information that you wish to be kept private and confidential.

The Examining Authority notes that some Interested Parties did not indicate which of the two Open Floor Hearings scheduled for 7 December 2020 they would prefer to speak at. Each Interested Party has been allocated a meeting and time to make their representation. If any Interested Party has been invited to speak at a time when they are unable to attend, they should contact the case team as a matter of urgency to advise. The Examining Authority therefore invites a contribution from each of the following Interested Parties that have registered to speak at this Hearing:

- Geoffrey and Peter Carpenter;
- Michael and Sandra Jefferies;
- Robin Jefferies.

Where two persons have registered together, it would be helpful if one could be nominated to speak at the Hearing. Should both persons wish to participate, then they will need to share the allocated 5 minutes slot.

In recognition of the difficult circumstances, the Examining Authority made a Procedural Decision to accept a large volume of written representations from parties that were not registered as Interested Parties for Deadline 1 only. Two of these included requests to speak at an Open Floor Hearing. Consequently, the Examining Authority has used its discretion to exceptionally invite a contribution from the following non-registered parties at this Open Floor Hearing:

- Councillor Steve Wemyss;
- Claire Willcox.

The Examining Authority has also invited the Chairman of the Eastney and Milton Allotment Holders Association Committee or a delegated representative to speak at an Open Floor Hearing on behalf of the allotment holders and to summarise their representations:

- Eastney and Milton Allotment Holders Association Committee.

All representations at the Open Floor Hearing should be based on the Relevant Representations or Written Representations made by the person by whom (or on whose behalf) the oral representations are made<sup>2</sup>. However, representations made at the Hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission. Rather, they should draw attention to those submissions in summary

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<sup>2</sup> s91 Planning Act 2008



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form and provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the Examining Authority.

The Examining Authority may ask questions about representations or ask the Applicant or other party to comment or respond. Breaks may be taken during the Hearing as directed by the Examining Authority. The Agenda is subject to change depending on, for example, responses from the invitees.

May we draw your attention to Deadline 5 on the Examination Timetable (Monday 30 November 2020) and our request to receive full transcripts of all oral submissions to be given at this Hearing by that date. Note that any illustrative or supporting material that you wish to share must be submitted in advance with this transcript, as it will not be possible for you to show it on screen during your contribution to the Hearing.

Please contact the case team if you have any questions:  
[aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)



# Agenda

<b>Title of meeting</b>	AQUIND Interconnector Project - Open Floor Hearing 2
<b>Date</b>	Monday 7 December 2020
<b>Time</b>	18.30pm
<b>Venue</b>	Online through Microsoft Teams
<b>Attendees</b>	Invitees

- 1. Welcome, preliminary matters and introductions**
- 2. Arrangements for the Open Floor Hearing**
- 3. Confirmation of those who have notified the Examining Authority of a wish to be heard at the Open Floor Hearing**
- 4. Oral submissions**
  - Each party who has indicated a wish to speak and has been invited will address the Examining Authority in turn. Due to the number of requests to speak, each Interested Party will be strictly limited to 5 minutes.
  - Following each submission, the Examining Authority may wish to ask the speaker questions.
  - The Applicant will be invited to respond briefly to any matters raised by each speaker, or in summary at the close of the Open Floor Hearing.
  - Oral submissions should be based on representations previously made in writing by the participant. However, representations made at the Hearing should not simply repeat matters previously covered in a written submission, but rather provide further detail, explanation and evidential corroboration to help inform the Examining Authority.
- 5. Close of Open Floor Hearing**