



The Planning Inspectorate Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector

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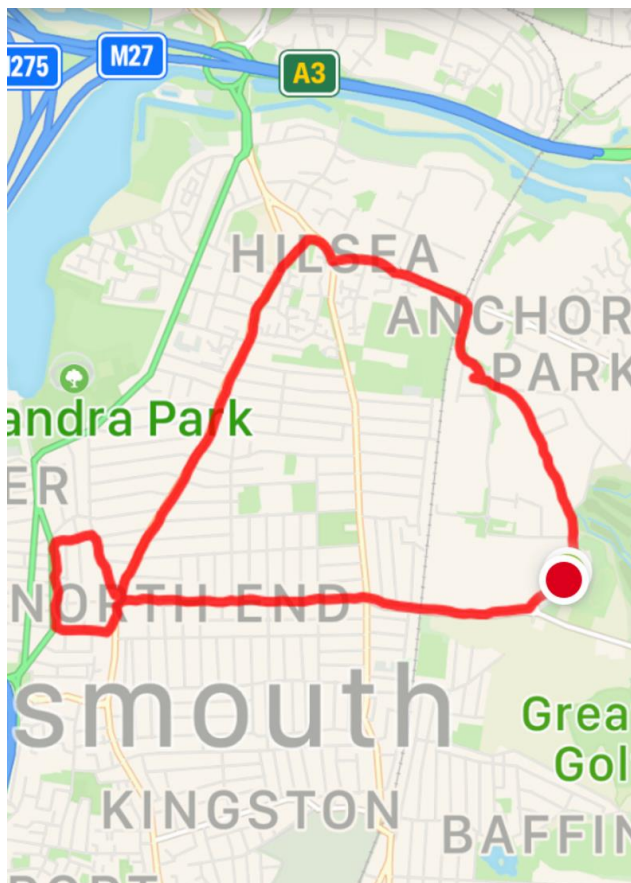
Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection

USI8: 4 November 2020, 1315 to 1455.

Andrew Mahon from the ExA carried out an Unaccompanied Site Inspection to look at some of the road locations suggested by Portsmouth City Council in its letter of 6 October 2020 [REP1-171]. Others had been visited in earlier USIs.

This comprised a circular walk from the Ocean Retail Park via Dundas Lane, Quartremaine Road, Norway Road, London Road/ A2047, North End, Stamshaw Road, Stubbington Avenue and Burrfields Road. The end of the walk corresponded with the school finishing time indicated by Portsmouth City Council in its letter (14.45 – 15.00).

Map A: the route taken



It is noted that this was unlikely to be a 'typical' day for traffic conditions, as it was the last day before the second Covid-19 'lockdown' in England. There appeared to be relatively few school pick-ups by car, perhaps due to Covid-19 restrictions, the likely absence of some pupils, or atypical collection behaviour by parents. Numbers in work and commuting generally were likely to be less than typical due to the pandemic, while it was noted that the retail park and other shops were extremely busy, with long queues outside some shops (especially those that will be closed from tomorrow).

The nature and characteristics of the roads walked were noted, including junctions, accesses and frontages. Traffic conditions at the time of the visit were observed and noted, including locations where traffic was queueing.