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WCC identification No 20025191

# Aquind Interconnector Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Examination: Deadline 4 17 November 2020

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed the response by Winchester City Council to Deadline 4. The single attachment is:

 An Edited down version of the Applicants Submission at D3 with WCC responses added for D4.

The document has been changed from the original pdf documents to word so it could be changed and then back to pdf. Consequently if it has been corrupted and the additional column on the RHS is missing please let me know and I will get a new copy sent to you.

The Council is continuing to hold various meetings with the applicant and is hopeful of making progress before the first set of hearings commence.

The Council has agreed a new version of the SoCG which is to be submitted. Further progress is expected over the coming weeks.

# **Attendance at the Hearings**

In accordance with the request, we are providing the details of those officers who wish to be able to speak at the forthcoming hearings.

Under the current work from home advice, these individuals will need to be given the login details separately.

# 9 December 2020 ISH1 dDCO

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If the Covid19 conditions allow, it is the intention of the Council to assemble the team within a suitably equipped room within the Council offices and the participation in the hearing will take place from that venue. In that instance, only one of the contact addresses will be used to log in. The exact option of home or office location for the officers will not be known until very close to the hearings so I am setting out the worst case scenario above and I would be grateful if you could proceed on that basis for the time being unless you hear from me.

## **Accompanied Site Inspections**

The Council has noted the statement in the letter dated 9 November 202 (Rule 9 & 13 Notification of Hearing (ISHs) relating to the difficulties of arranging an accompanied Site Inspector of the land at Lovedean where the Converter Station, the new access and access road will be constructed. With the uncertain future conditions relating to Covid19, the Council is concerned that waiting for better conditions may prove elusive. Mindful that the environmental matters are starting to come up at the hearings, the Council considers that it is important for the Examining Authority to actually get onto the land and see the general situation for themselves. The nature of the surrounding landscape and with no public access crossing the main site that is not possible without making access arrangements via the applicant.

With the above in mind, the Council is propose two options that it will support. Firstly, that the accompanied site inspector is arranged in the near future (December), even if that does mean limited attendance. Alternatively, that arrangements are made for the Examining Authority to undertakes an unaccompanied site inspection on the land so they can set any future discussions or written submissions in context. It is suggested at least two of the Panel undertake that inspection. This to be followed later by an accompanied site inspection under whatever restricted apply at that time. The Councils objective in putting these suggestions forward is to enable the ExA to set any detail in the context of the site conditions which cannot be appreciated standing off site from the surrounding road network.

The Council notes the reference to Lovedean as the only accompanied site inspector that is outstanding. The Council wishes to remind the ExA that it has on two previous occasions (WCC letters dated 24 July 2020 PDA-005 & 1 September 2020 PDB-006) made representations regarding the site inspections at Lovedean but also requested that one take place at Denmead Meadows on the land between Hambledon Road and Anmore Road. It

remains the view of the Council for the reasons previously stated that it is important that this land is also visited. Again for the benefit of progressing the Examination process we would recommend that the two options considered for Lovedean are also applied here.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Regards

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