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All Interested Parties, Affected
Persons, Statutory Parties and Other
Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020022

Date: 20 November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 8(3)

The Planning Act 2008, Sections 59, 89, 102, 102A and 102B, and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, Rule 9

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

1) Changes to the Examination Timetable

Following our acceptance of the Applicant's recent request for changes to the Proposed Development, and the necessary consultation arising from the request, it is necessary to amend the Examination Timetable.

This letter provides you with the updated Examination Timetable at Annex A. This replaces the one that was included in our Rule 8 letter of 15 September 2020¹. All documentation associated with this project can be found on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=overview>.

A new deadline has been inserted into the timetable. This is **Deadline 6(a)**, for the receipt of representations in relation to the Additional Land sought by the Applicant. Any responses to these representations must be received by **Deadline 7**, Monday 25 January 2021.

In addition, we have made a minor addition to Deadline 5. Our Rule 8 letter of 15 September 2020 required information to assist the Hearings scheduled for weeks commencing 7 and 14 December 2020 to be submitted by Deadline 5. For

¹ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-001181-EN020022%20AQUIND%20Rule%208%20Letter%20and%20Annexes.pdf>

completeness, the Hearings scheduled to take place in the week commencing 14 December 2020 have now been added to the list. The requirement to submit information remains as was set out in the original Rule 8 letter.

2) Correction to list of persons that have become Interested Parties

Our letter of 11 November 2020² informed you of our Procedural Decision to accept certain holders of allotments at the Eastney and Milton Allotments into the Examination as Interested Parties under section 102(1)(ab) of the Planning Act 2008. It has been brought to our attention that one of the parties listed, Millie Ansell, is a local authority officer who was making submissions on behalf of an allotment holder, Rebecca Winstanley.

Consequently, we have made the decision to correct the list of persons that have become Interested Parties. Therefore, the following list replaces that set out in our letter of 11 November 2010, and the Examining Authority notifies the following allotment holders that have made requests under s102A of the Planning Act 2008 and the Applicant that these persons have become Interested Parties under section 102(1)(ab):

- Julian Lloyd;
- Rebecca Winstanley;
- Bernard George;
- Andrew Leonard;
- Brian Simmons;
- Philippa Pettitt;
- Derek McCullough;
- Malcolm Williams;
- Mark Lemon;
- Catherine Reddy;
- Kirsten McFarlane.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Mahon

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Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annex A: Updated Examination Timetable

² <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-002845-20201111%20EN020022%20AQUIND%20-%20Confirmation%20of%20s102%20Parties%20and%20request%20for%20further%20information.pdf>

Annex A: Updated Examination Timetable

Matters		Due Dates
1.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules to assist the Hearings scheduled for weeks commencing 7 and 14 December 2020, including full transcripts of all oral submissions to be given at OFH1, OFH2, ISH1, CAH1, CAH2, ISH2 and ISH3; the Applicant's and other parties' summaries of their current positions in relation to any s106 agreements. 	<p>Monday 30 November 2020</p>
2.	<p>Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)</p>	<p>Monday 7 December 2020</p> <p>10:00</p>
3.	<p>Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)</p>	<p>Monday 7 December 2020</p> <p>18:30</p>
4.	<p>Date reserved for the continuation of OFH2 (if required)</p>	<p>Tuesday 8 December 2020</p> <p>10:00</p>
5.	<p>Issue Specific Hearing 1 into the draft Development Consent Order (ISH1)</p>	<p>Wednesday 9 December 2020</p> <p>10:00</p>
6.	<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principally aimed at the Applicant, local authorities and statutory bodies, who may watch CAH2 on the livestream if they wish to observe. 	<p>Thursday 10 December 2020</p> <p>10:00</p>
7.	<p>Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principally aimed at the Applicant, Affected Persons in terms of Compulsory Acquisition and Interested Parties in terms of Temporary Possession, who are encouraged to observe CAH1 on the livestream if they wish. 	<p>Friday 11 December 2020</p> <p>10:00</p>

8.	Issue Specific Hearing 2 into Traffic, Highways and Air Quality (ISH2)	Monday 14 December 2020 10:00
9.	Issue Specific Hearing 3 into Environmental Matters (ISH3)	Tuesday 15 December 2020 10:00
10.	Date reserved for the continuation of ISH2 (if required)	Wednesday 16 December 2020 10:00
11.	Date reserved for the continuation of ISH3 (if required)	Thursday 17 December 2020 10:00
12.	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses submitted for Deadlines 4 and 5; • Written summaries of oral submissions to Hearings held during the week commencing 7 and any held during the week commencing 14 December 2020; • Comments on the Applicant's draft ASI arrangements and itinerary³; • Any post-Hearing notes requested at the Hearings; • An updated Guide to the Application; • An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean and tracked versions; • An updated Schedule of changes to the dDCO; • An updated Compulsory Acquisition Schedule in clean and tracked versions; • Progressed Statements of Common Ground; • Progressed Statement of Commonality for SoCG; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules. 	Wednesday 23 December 2020
13.	<p>Deadline 6a</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representations in relation to the Additional Land sought by the Applicant (REP3-019). 	Thursday 24 December 2020

³ Please note: an ASI can only go ahead if Government guidance on COVID-19 at that time permits. In the event it cannot be undertaken as a physical visit, alternative approaches (including the use of technology) will be explored, and all participants will be notified.

14.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further Written Questions (ExQ2) (if required). 	<p>Thursday 7 January 2021</p>
15.	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses to ExQ2; Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 6 and 6a; Any information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules to assist Hearings scheduled for weeks commencing 8, 15 and 22 February 2021 including full transcripts of all oral submissions to be given at the OFHs and CAHs; Updated Statements of Common Ground; Updated Statement of Commonality for SoCG; An updated Guide to the Application; Updated Book of Reference; Updated Statement of Reasons; Signed and dated s106 Agreements (if required); An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean and tracked versions; An updated Schedule of changes to the dDCO; Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). 	<p>Monday 25 January 2021</p>
16.	<p>Publication by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required); The ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required); Any requests for information under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). 	<p>Wednesday 3 February 2021</p>
17.	<p>Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection(s)</p> <p>Dates reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue Specific Hearing(s) (if required); Open Floor Hearing(s) (if required); Compulsory Acquisition Hearing(s) (if required); Accompanied Site Inspection(s) (if required). 	<p>Weeks commencing 8 February 2021 and 15 February 2021</p>
18.	<p>Hearing</p> <p>Date reserved for any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptional Issue Specific Hearing (if required). <p>A date reserved to accommodate any over-runs associated with any IT difficulties at previous Hearings, and for any final oral submissions from any parties in relation to new topics that have, for good reason, not had an opportunity to be heard at earlier Hearings.</p>	<p>Monday 22 February 2021</p>

	<p>Active participation would be strictly at the invitation of the ExA (who will decide if the event is required at all) and will be restricted to any matters that the ExA considers to be of importance to the Examination that have not had adequate consideration and discussion.</p> <p>Parties should be aware that costs can be awarded against a party that has acted unreasonably during the course of an Examination. Parties that deliberately withhold information until this Hearing that could have been presented (in oral or written form) earlier in the Examination could be subject to an application for an award of costs.</p>	
19.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses submitted for Deadline 7; • Written summaries of oral submissions put at any Hearings held during the weeks commencing 8, 15 and 22 February 2021; • Any post-Hearing notes requested at the previous Hearings; • Comments on the RIES (if required); • Comments on the ExA's proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO (if required); • Finalised Statements of Common Ground; • Finalised Statement of Commonality for SoCG; • Finalised Compulsory Acquisition Schedule in clean and tracked versions; • A finalised Guide to the Application; • A finalised version of the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) in clean and tracked versions; • A finalised Schedule of changes to the dDCO; • Any Additional Submissions relating to oral submissions made at any Hearings held during weeks commencing 8, 15 and 22 February; • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). 	Monday 1 March 2021
20.	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any further information requested by the ExA after Deadline 8 (if required), under Rule 17 of the Examination Rules (if required). 	Friday 5 March 2021
21.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the Examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months.</p>	Monday 8 March 2021