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Dear Sirs

Aquind Interconnector DCO - Applicant Deadline 5 Submission

Introduction

We are writing to you on behalf of AQUIND Limited (the 'Applicant') with regard to the application for the AQUIND Interconnector Development Consent Order (the 'Application') and in relation to the submission of information required from the Applicant for Deadline 5. The Applicant's Deadline 5 submission is made in accordance with the letter issued by the Examining Authority ('ExA') dated 15 September 2020 pursuant to Rule 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, which is submitted under cover of this letter.

Since Deadline 4, the project team has been considering the submissions made at Deadline 4 including by continuing engagement with stakeholders throughout this period.

Deadline 5 Documents

The Applicant now submits the information required to satisfy the procedural ruling of the ExA for what must be submitted by Deadline 5 by the Applicant. A full list of all documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 is included with this letter at Schedule 1, and a schedule of changes is included with the submission.

The documents submitted by the Applicant include an updated compulsory acquisition schedule and Application Document Tracker, which provides the same information as the Application Guide and therefore an updated version of the Application Guide has not been provided to avoid duplication.

Updated Statements of Common Ground with some of the parties with which the Applicant is seeking an agreed Statement of Common Ground are enclosed, together with an updated Statement of Commonality detailing progress made between the Applicant and relevant stakeholders on the Statements of Common Ground.

An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order and Explanatory Memorandum reflecting the outcome of those discussions are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5 supported by a Schedule of the Changes to the Development Consent Order.

An updated version of the Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Habitats Regulations Assessment are provided to address matters raised in the agendas for the hearings.



Correspondence with Allotment holders

Further to the Examining Authority's procedural decision dated 11 November 2020 requesting the Applicant to update the Book of Reference for the Application to include the interests of the holders of allotments within the Order limits (PD-021), the Applicant has been engaged with Portsmouth City Council (PCC) to agree a way forward to obtain the necessary information from the allotment holders.

So as to ensure no data protection issues arise, PCC requested that the Applicant issues a formal request to obtain the necessary information to update the Book of Reference from the allotment holders. It was agreed that PCC would then send the request (and any accompanying information) to the allotment holders on behalf of the Applicant to avoid the disclosure of any personal details. The correspondence (which included a covering letter, FAQ sheet, Land Information Questionnaire (LIQ) and plan) was prepared by the Applicant as soon the approach was agreed with PCC and hard copies were sent to PCC for distribution on 26 November 2020.

The Applicant notes that the procedural decision (PD-021) states that "*the updated Book of Reference should be submitted into the Examination no later than Deadline 5, which is 30 November 2020.*" Although an updated Book of Reference has been submitted to confirm the approach that will be taken, it does not yet contain details of the allotment holders' interests. This is because in order to give the allotment holders sufficient time to complete the LIQ, the Applicant has set the deadline for responses to the LIQ as 15 December 2020. Once all necessary information has been received from the allotment holders, the Applicant will submit a further update to the Book of Reference to include the interests of the holders of allotments within the Order Limits.

Plans

Updated versions of the Works Plans and Land Plans are enclosed to identify the areas where installation is required to be undertaken by trenchless methods, which includes Eastney and Milton Allotments, is submitted. The Land Plans also include additional plots to identify the allotment holders which are linked to the Book of Reference.

Hearing Transcripts

The Applicant has also prepared transcripts for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings and Issue Specific Hearings to be held in the weeks commencing 7 and 14 December 2020, together with a hearing bundle index and exhibits.

Schedule 2 includes a list of the Applicant's representatives that will attend of the hearings. The Applicant notes that not all of these representatives will speak at the hearings. The representatives who will be speaking on behalf of the Applicant at the hearings are listed in the front of the hearing transcripts.

Conclusions

We trust this covering letter provides a helpful and proportionate overview of the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 5. Should the Planning Inspectorate have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



Amy Hallam
Technical Director

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SCHEDULE 1 – APPLICANT’S DEADLINE 5 SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Document Name
1.3	Application Document Tracker
2.2	Land Plans
2.2	Land Plans (low res)
2.4	Works Plans
2.4	Works Plans Low Res Part 1
2.4	Works Plans Low Res Part 2
3.1	Draft Development Consent Order (clean)
3.1	Draft Development Consent Order (tracked)
3.2	Explanatory Memorandum (clean)
3.2	Explanatory Memorandum (tracked)
4.1	Statement of Reasons (clean)
4.1	Statement of Reasons (tracked)
4.3	Book of Reference (clean)
4.3	Book of Reference (tracked)
6.8.1	HRA - Vol 1 - Habitats Regulations Assessment Report Main Text (clean)
6.8.1	HRA - Vol 1 - Habitats Regulations Assessment Report Main Text (tracked)
6.8.3.1	HRA - Vol 3 - Appendix 1 European Marine Sites Screening and Integrity Matrices
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean)
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (tracked)
7.1.7	Deadline 5 Cover Letter (this document)
7.2.5	Deadline 5 Schedule of Changes

7.3.4	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
7.5.1	Statement of Commonality
7.5.5	Statement of Common Ground with Hampshire County Council
7.5.6	Statement of Common Ground with East Hampshire District Council
7.5.7	Statement of Common Ground with South Downs National Park Authority
7.5.11	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England
7.5.13	Statement of Common Ground with Historic England
7.6.1	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (clean)
7.6.1	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (tracked)
7.7.6	Position Statement on Planning Obligations in connection with the Proposed Development
7.7.8	Indicative Landscape Mitigation Plans Option B(ii) WQ CA.1.3.7
7.7.10	HRA - Vol 3 - Appendix 5 Ramsar Screening and Integrity Matrices
7.9.9.1	Schedule of documents forming the Environmental Statement (clean)
7.9.9.1	Schedule of documents forming the Environmental Statement (tracked)
7.9.18	Applicant's Transcript of Oral Submissions for CAH1
7.9.19	Applicant's Transcript of Oral Submissions for CAH2
7.9.20	Applicant's Transcript of Oral Submissions - ISH1 Development Consent Order
7.9.21	Applicant's Transcript of Oral Submissions - ISH2 on Traffic, Highways and Air Quality
7.9.22	Applicant's Transcript of Oral Submissions - ISH3 on Environmental Matters
7.9.23	Electronic bundle of hearing exhibits and index
N/A	Rule 13 Correspondence and Notices of Hearings



SCHEDULE 2 – APPLICANT’S REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING HEARINGS

Hearing	Attendees
OFH1 (7/12)	Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Richard Glasspool - AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF Tom Beckford – BECG James Wood – BECG Chris Williams – WSP Norman MacLeod - WSP Hamid Mojtabavi - WSP Greg Irvine – WSP Ursula Stevenson – WSP Ian Robson - WSP Paul Hudson – WSP Oliver Bulch - WSP Neil Davies – WSP Alan O’Sullivan – Avison Young Joshua Kauffman – WSP Stuart Bennett – WSP Adam Coombs – QUOD Tom Farmer – WSP Louise Beamish – WSP
OFH2 (7/12)	Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Richard Glasspool - AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF Hamid Mojtabavi - WSP Norman MacLeod – WSP Daniel Abbott – WSP Tom Farmer – WSP Louise Beamish – WSP Maritta Boden – WSP Ian Ellis – WSP Ursula Stevenson – WSP Stuart Bennett – WSP Chris Williams – WSP

<p>CAH1 (10/12)</p>	<p>Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF Norman MacLeod – WSP Daniel Abbott - WSP Oliver Bulch – WSP Paul Hudson – WSP Hamid Mojtabavi – WSP Silke Goldberg – HSF Alan O’Sullivan – Avison Young Joshua Kauffman – WSP Greg Irvine – WSP Dan Lewis – WSP</p>
<p>CAH2 (11/12)</p>	<p>Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF Alan O’Sullivan – Avison Young Marcus Wood – WSP Amy Hallam - WSP Dan Lewis – WSP</p>
<p>ISH1 (9/12)</p>	<p>Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF Ian Robson – WSP Daniel Abbott - WSP Neil Davies – WSP Greg Irvine – WSP Adam Coombs - QUOD Norman MacLeod – WSP Hamid Mojtabavi – WSP Maritta Boden – WSP Ross Hodson – Natural Power</p>
<p>ISH2 (14/12)</p>	<p>Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF</p>

	<p>Chris Williams – WSP Paul Hudson - WSP Oliver Bulch - WSP Ian Robson - WSP Stuart Bennett – WSP</p>
<p>ISH3 (15/12)</p>	<p>Kirill Glukhovskoy – AQUIND Vladimir Temerko – AQUIND Simon Bird QC Martyn Jarvis – HSF Ian Ellis - WSP Ross Hodson – WSP Maritta Boden – WSP Norman MacLeod – WSP Hamid Mojtabavi – WSP Tom Farmer – WSP Louise Beamish – WSP Ursula Stevenson – WSP Ian Robson - WSP</p>