



AQUIND Limited

AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR

Issue Specific Hearing 2 – Traffic, Highways
and Air Quality – Appendix 1 - Exhibit 4
Minutes of Meetings held with First Group on
8th October 2020 (Question 3F)

The Planning Act 2008

Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, Rule 8(c)

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AGENDA AND MEETING NOTES

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| MEETING DATE | 08 October 2020 |
| PRESENT | <p>██████████ – WSP – Associate, Transport</p> <p>██████████ – WSP – Principal Planner, Planning</p> <p>██████████ – First Group, Business Manager</p> <p>██████████ – First Group, Commercial Manager</p> <p>██████████ – First Group, Network Planner</p> <p>██████████ – First Group, Performance Chief Advisor</p> <p>██████████ – First Group, Performance Supervisor</p> |
| APOLOGIES | ██████████ |
| DISTRIBUTION | As above plus: AQUIND and ██████████ (HSF) |

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| 1 | <p>Introductions</p> <p>██████████ thanked all attendees for making time to attend the call.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Proposed Development</p> <p>██████████ provided a general overview of the scheme and signposted to further information that is available on the PINS website (https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=overview).</p> <p>The Proposed Development's main UK elements are the installation of HVDC onshore cables which will be installed within highway, verges, greenspace and agricultural land and a Converter Station in Lovedean. A plan was shared of the Onshore Order Limits within the UK.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Development Consent Order and Examination</p> <p>██████████ provided a general overview of the DCO process and Examination. In July 2018 the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy directed that AQUIND Interconnector should be treated as a being nationally significant. This means that construction and operation of AQUIND Interconnector can only be consented by a Development Consent Order (DCO)</p> <p>The DCO application of the Aquind Interconnector was submitted in November 2019 with the DCO examination starting in September this year. ██████████ advised that Deadline 1 of 9 has now passed and the team are currently progressing submission material for Deadline 2 (20 October). The Examination will end on the 8 March 2021 and full details on the examination process can be found on the Council's website.</p> <p>The Examining Authority will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State 3 months of the examination has closed (June 2021) and the Secretary of State then has 3 months to make a final decision of the DCO application (September 2021)</p> |

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| 4 | <p>Construction Methodology for the Onshore Cable Route</p> <p>■■■ talked through the route using the PowerPoint presentation slides. ■■■ outlined how cable route is constructed and impact on highway.</p> <p>The key component affecting operation of the highway will be the installation of the Onshore Cable Route. This will be made up of two circuits, installed independently from each other in one trench per circuit. Within highways these are likely to be installed on opposite sides of the carriageway at different times.</p> <p>Construction will take place in 100m sections at an average rate of 100m per week per circuit. Up to 6 construction gangs may be working on the highway at any one time but the location and timings of these will be controlled by the submitted Framework Traffic Management Strategy.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Indicative Construction Programme</p> <p>The current indicative construction programme anticipates that the onshore cable construction and installation will commence in Q3 2021 and run through to the end of 2023. The converter station commissioning is anticipated to be completed by end of Q4 2024. Indicative programming shared on screen.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Framework Traffic Management Strategy</p> <p>■■■ talked through the slides on the FTMS and will send a copy of the FTMS alongside draft minutes to ■■■ and ■■■. This sets out the strategy for mitigating traffic impacts associated with construction of the onshore cable route.</p> <p>■■■ noted that temporary road closures will be required on First Group bus routes at A3 London Road north of Ladybridge roundabout and on Havant Road at the junction of Farlington Avenue and Eastern Road. To mitigate the impact of these closures such work will be completed at weekends, with A3 London Road requiring full road closure for 4 weekends per circuit (8 weekends in total). Havant Road will require a full road closure for 1-2 weekends per circuit depending upon the construction working hours used by the Contractor (2-4 weekends in total).</p> <p>■■■ also noted that Furze Lane had now been removed from the Order Limits and therefore temporary closure of the Furze Lane bus link was no longer proposed. As such the required diversion of First Group service 14 discussed with ■■■ and ■■■ in 2019 is no longer required.</p> <p>■■■ – Will access to Sainsbury's Car Park be available? ■■■ – The Intention is to maintain access to Sainsbury's Car Park at all times and discussions are on-going with Sainsbury's regarding how this can be achieved.</p> <p>■■■ – Why didn't you continue via Langstone Harbour instead of via Portsmouth. ■■■ – the Portsmouth channel has ecological and engineering constraints which make use of this route unfeasible. Having considered all the relevant factors landfall at Eastney was considered to be the best location.</p> <p>■■■ – Having listened to the presentation there are not any red flags that immediately jumps out. ■■■ acknowledged that the route has been well planned with minimal disruption and suitable mitigation in place. The level of communication from the Applicant in terms of the updates provided were warmly welcomed and appreciated as it provides First Group with the opportunity to plan ahead.</p> <p>■■■ – From the sounds of it there are two possible road closures that impact First Group bus services. However diversion routes should be relatively simple to implement. The Service 22 (Cosham – Drayton – Farlington) will be affected during closure of Havant Road while Service 9 (Portsmouth – Waterlooville – Clanfield) will be affected during closure of the A3 London Road.</p> |

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| | <p>■ – confirmed that this looks very well planned from a Bus Route perspective and echoes ■ thoughts with regard to the level of engagement the Applicant has had with First Bus in keeping the bus service provider updated on the development proposals.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ■ to provide a copy of the meeting minutes.- Further meetings to be held with First Group if required once a full review of the FTMS has been completed. |
| 8 | AOB |

