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**Aquind Interconnector application for a Development Consent Order
for the 'Aquind Interconnector' between Great Britain and France
(PINS reference: EN020022)**

Mr. Geoffrey Carpenter (ID: 20025030)

Joint Owner of Little Denmead Farm

**FULL TRANSCRIPT OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO BE MADE AT
OPEN FLOOR HEARING 2 ON 7 DECEMBER 2020**

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Little Denmead Farm, which my grandfather bought in 1939, has been my [REDACTED] and my [REDACTED] all my life. I know every inch of every field. Farming is unlike most ways of life. It is not just a 9-5 five days a week job. It is 24/7 – you don't walk away on a Friday for 2 days off. With livestock to look after every day of the year, means no holidays. They need feeding even on Christmas Day. You live and breathe it, it's part of your make-up. I worked alongside my father here, as he did with his father. I was raised to farming and raised my own two children here. It is all we have ever known.

Since having [REDACTED] 5 years ago, I had to unwillingly take early retirement, which changed my life completely but have since been able to enjoy my time, appreciating the wildlife that we are surrounded by here, which is helping my recovery. Watching the barn owls, deer, buzzards, woodpeckers, [REDACTED], pheasants, rabbits and foxes along with a large variety of birds.

The peace and quiet here has and is still aiding in a large way, my recovery.

My grandchildren are also now enjoying the countryside and the safety of walking the family dogs on our [REDACTED].

You will be ripping the heart out of a small family owned farm which cannot be replaced.

I never envisaged it would not be ours to enjoy for generations to come.

The stress and strain that this is causing our family not to mention the financial toll it is taking is immense.

Little Denmead Farm is not just an area of land marked on a map; it is [REDACTED]

The noise, dust, disruption and permanent loss and damage of our land along with the ugly blot on the landscape is something we are going to have to endure every day.