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

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**FULL TRANSCRIPT OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO BE MADE AT
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For generations my family have farmed and this was to be my future but now appears it is going to be taken away from me. If this system goes ahead my future as a farmer is being taken away from me. Financially it will be impossible to carry on due to the lack of land left on the farm. This causes me great worry and stress. I will not be able to support my family and at my age employment will be hard when all I know is farming. Farming is not just a job it is a way of life, it's me. I will not have enough land to feed or farm my livestock. The stress Aquind have put on our family caused me not to replace cattle sold due to the constant threat of taking land.

This has put my life on hold. We are a livestock farm and at present have approx. 250 sheep grazing it which I have had to bring in due to Aquind saying we are not a livestock farm.

I live on [REDACTED] my family in a [REDACTED] and the site boundary is only thirty metres away with a view open towards the convector site. This will be taking away all our privacy and views across the farm. My grandchildren and family have always had the safety of the farm to ride their ponies and bikes on. This will all be lost. The scheme will be taking this away leaving no where to ride and not enough grazing for their ponies.

My life is being put on hold as is all my family's. Aquind have been making us live under a threat and I just don't know what is going to happen to us. This has been going on for years now and the stress on myself and family is immense. It is playing havoc with our health and many sleepless nights. I feel this is very unfair having been out family home for over 80 years. Why should we have to be fighting for our own farm.

Aquind have not consulted us truthfully or fairly.

I had hoped to keep the farm going and build a new home for my family to continue farming. This is now being made impossible if the land is taken. The dust, noise and disruption will be very detrimental on the health of my family and animals.

The farm is the place I had thought all my life. I would work my days out in and be rested on the farm with my father's ashes. We had always worked together and should be allowed to rest together.

I feel all my family have worked decades for this just to be taken away along with 80 years of my heritage, hard work, sweat and love.

My heart is being torn out.