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Dear Sirs

Aquind Interconnector DCO - Applicant Deadline 6 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 6.

The Applicant's Deadline 6 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.

The project team has been considering the submissions made at Deadline 4 and 5 including by continuing engagement with stakeholders throughout this period, as well progressing various actions following and related to the hearings held in weeks commencing 7th and 14th December 2020.

Deadline 6 Documents

The Applicant now submits the information required to satisfy the procedural ruling of the ExA for what must be submitted by Deadline 6 by the Applicant. A full list of all documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6 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 (SoCG) with some of the parties with which the Applicant is seeking an agreed SoCG are enclosed, together with an updated Statement of Commonality detailing progress made between the Applicant and relevant stakeholders on the SoCG.

Following the hearings, the Applicant was instructed by the ExA to withdraw the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) SoCG (REP1-111) as the MCA submitted further comments on the Development Consent Order at Deadline 4, as such an updated SoCG (Rev 002) has been submitted at Deadline 6.



An updated version of the draft Development Consent Order and Explanatory Memorandum are submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6 supported by a Schedule of the Changes to the Development Consent Order. The amendments to the draft Development Consent Order are further to the discussions at the hearings in relation to it, and in response to feedback received from various stakeholders. An updated version of the Statement of Reasons is also submitted.

An updated Funding Statement is submitted to consolidate relevant information previously submitted into the Examination and to provide the further information requested during the course of the hearings. An updated version of the Other Consents and Licences Document is also submitted, providing an update on the progress being made to obtain the required consents and permissions for the Project.

An updated version of the Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (OOCEMP), Habitats Regulations Assessment (including an additional appendix), Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Plan (OLBS) and Design and Access Statement (DAS) are provided to address matters raised in the hearings and written submissions. This includes the removal of Appendix 7 Surface Water Drainage and Aquifer Contamination Strategy from the OOCEMP, into Appendix 3 of the DAS. The updated Landscape Mitigation Plans are also provided within Appendix 2 of the DAS.

A further update will be provided to the DAS as a new revision at Deadline 7 which are necessitated by ongoing engagement with WCC to agree design principles at the Converter Station and updates to the plates within the document to incorporate the updates to the Order Limits.

With regard to the OOCEMP and the DAS, the Applicant has sought to move design related information from the former to the latter, in response to the request made in this regard at the hearings.

A number of Appendices to the Environmental Statement have also been updated to take account of comments made by consultees, which includes updates to the Framework Traffic Management Strategy and the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan and updates to the Indicative Landscape Mitigation Plans.

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 received LIQ responses from the majority of allotment holders by the deadline set. The Applicant encloses 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 Site Location Plan, Works Plans, Land Plans, Crown Land Plans, Access and Rights of Way Plans and Hedgerow and Tree Preservation Order Plans are enclosed and a description of the changes made and the reasons for those changes is set out in the Schedule of Changes document. Amendments made to the plans include the reflection of the revised Order



limits following the acceptance by the ExA of the Second Change Request for examination, confirmed in the procedural decision dated 18 December 2020.

Amendments are also made to the Works Plans in relation to trenchless methods of installation in response to a request for the same at the hearings, with the draft Development Consent Order having also been updated to secure the relevant information within the Order requirements.

Hearings

Further to the hearings, the Applicant also submits a written summary of the oral submissions made by the Applicant at each hearing, as well as a Post-Hearing Note document, which contains all post-hearing notes requested by the ExA during the hearings. A separate document provides a written summary of and the Applicant's responses to points raised in the Open Floor Hearings.

An Equality Statement is also enclosed further to the Applicant's confirmation that this would be provided at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2.

We trust this covering letter provides a helpful and proportionate overview of the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 6. Should the Planning Inspectorate have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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Technical Director

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SCHEDULE 1 – APPLICANT’S DEADLINE 6 SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Document Name
1.3	Application Document Tracker
2.1	Site Location Plan
2.2	Land Plans
2.2	Land Plans (low res)
2.3	Crown Land Plans
2.3	Crown Land Plans (low res)
2.4	Works Plans
2.4	Works Plans Low Res Part 1
2.4	Works Plans Low Res Part 2
2.5	Access and Rights of Ways Plans
2.5	Access and Rights of Ways Plans (low res)
2.12	Hedgerow and Tree Preservation Order Plans
2.12	Hedgerow and Tree Preservation Order Plans (low res)
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)
4.2	Funding Statement
4.3	Book of Reference (clean)
4.3	Book of Reference (tracked)
5.2	Other Consents and Licences

5.5	Design and Access Statement (clean)
5.5	Design and Access Statement (tracked)
6.2.15.48	Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Figure 15.48 Indicative Landscape Mitigation Plan Option B(i) (north)
6.2.15.49	Environmental Statement - Volume 2 - Figure 15.49 Indicative Landscape Mitigation Plan Option B(i) (south)
6.3.15.7	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendix 15.7 Landscape Schedules, Planting Heights and Image Board
6.3.22.1A	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendix 22.1A Framework Traffic Management Strategy (clean)
6.3.22.1A	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendix 22.1A Framework Traffic Management Strategy (tracked)
6.3.22.2	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendix 22.2 Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (clean)
6.3.22.2	Environmental Statement - Volume 3 - Appendix 22.2 Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (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)
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean)
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (tracked)
6.9.1	UK SPZ1 Generic Method Statement
6.10	Replacement Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy (clean)
6.10	Replacement Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy (tracked)
7.1.8	Deadline 6 Cover Letter (this document)
7.2.6	Deadline 6 Schedule of Changes
7.3.5	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
7.5.1	Statement of Commonality

7.5.3	Statement of Common Ground with Portsmouth City Council and East Coast Solent Partnership
7.5.5	Statement of Common Ground with Hampshire County Council
7.5.11	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England
7.5.12	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee
7.5.13	Statement of Common Ground with Historic England
7.5.16	Statement of Common Ground with the Marine Management Organisation
7.5.17	Statement of Common Ground with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency
7.5.18	Statement of Common Ground with Sports England
7.5.19	Statement of Common Ground with National Grid Electricity Transmission plc
7.6.1	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (clean)
7.6.1	Compulsory Acquisition Schedule (tracked)
7.7.8	Indicative Landscape Mitigation Plans Option B(ii) WQ CA1.3.7
7.7.16	Additional Viewpoint Location Plan and Viewpoints
7.7.18	HRA - Vol 3 - Conservation objectives and attributes for UK sites assessed
7.9.9.1	Schedule of Documents Forming the Environmental Statement
7.9.20	Applicant's Responses to Submissions Made at Open Floor Hearings
7.9.21	Applicant's Written Summary of the Oral Submission at ISH1, 2 and 3, and CAH 1 and 2
7.9.22	Applicant's Post-Hearing Notes in respect of ISH1, 2 and 3 and CAH 1 and 2
7.9.22.1	Applicant's Response to action points raised at ISH1, 2 and 3, and CAH 1 and 2 - Appendix 1 - Cross-section of typical agricultural land construction corridor
7.9.22.2	Applicant's Response to action points raised at ISH1, 2 and 3, and CAH 1 and 2 - Appendix 2 - Cross-section of typical highway land construction corridor

7.9.22.3	Applicant's Response to action points raised at ISH1, 2 and 3, and CAH 1 and 2 - Appendix 3 - Works and Durations at Special Category Land
7.9.23	Applicant's Response to Deadline 4 submissions
7.9.24	Equality Statement
7.9.25	Applicant's Response to Deadline 5 submissions
7.9.26	Joint Bay Technical Note
7.9.27	Road Safety Technical Note
7.9.29	Day Lane HGV Management Technical Note
7.9.30	Abnormal Loads Highway Alterations Method Statement
7.9.31	HCC Road Safety Note
7.9.32	Portsbridge Roundabout Technical Note