

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Jones, Hefin](#)  
**Subject:** Request for speaking at Open Floor Hearing  
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Dear Hefin,

I would like to submit a further piece of information which has recently changed and been published. At the Open Floor Hearing I could elaborate on this issue.

1. I have already sent you the details of the rejection of the Representative of State of Normandy and would like to elaborate further on the consequences this will have for the project here in UK
2. I attach a link of great importance for the development  
<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications-and-updates/cre-and-ofgem-discontinue-public-consultation-aquinds-exemption-reques>

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[www.ofgem.gov.uk](http://www.ofgem.gov.uk)

This needs to be taken into consideration for this project. Again I would like to explain the relevance.

3. Looking at the current route proposed and many options it needs further investigation and explanation. There are still many questions unanswered I wish to speak at the next Open Floor Hearing.

Please let me know as a p if and the exact date and time of the hearing.

[REDACTED], co founder of Let's Stop Aquind was informed very late about her participation and this is not appropriate as one has to prepare oneself carefully.

I would also question why Let's Stop Aquind is no longer able to be represented at this stage of the examination process.

We represent 2000 people of this area who are anxious and feel powerless. Therefore, it should be our human right to take on the voices of our community and express their views and feelings particularly as further changes and developments have taken place.

I myself live in Milton. We have an allotment and are very much affected by this project.

Regard this email and the attachments as a further submission and request to speak at the

appropriate Hearing. Please guide me which Hearing would be the most appropriate for us/me to speak.

Regards,  
Viola Langley  
Let's Stop Aquind

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## **Decision for Decision for A Joint Consultation on AQUIND's Exemption Request A Joint Consultation on AQUIND's Exemption Request Decision for A Joint Consultation on AQUIND's Exemption Request**

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On 18th December 2020, the NRAs published a joint consultation document outlining the scope and rationale of the Exemption Request, as well as the supporting evidence provided by Aquind. The consultation was originally planned to close on 29th January 2021. The NRAs issued this consultation in line with our obligations under the applicable legal framework at the time, and with uncertainty as to the future trade and

cooperation arrangements between the UK and the EU beyond the end of the transition period.

In light of the new Trade and Cooperation Agreement (the “TCA”) agreed between the UK and the EU on 24th December 2020, following the UK’s departure from the EU, the NRAs consider that the exemption request process defined under the Regulation is only available to interconnector projects developed between EU Member States. As the UK is no longer a Member State and the transition period has ended, Aquind can no longer access that process and the NRAs no longer have the necessary legal powers to assess, and decide upon, the Exemption Request. Consequently, the NRAs have decided to discontinue the ongoing consultation and assessment process.

Ofgem and CRE will continue to cooperate closely in regards to the functioning and the development of interconnections between the UK and France and the implementation of the arrangements envisaged in the TCA.