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Subject: Re: Further evidence submission
Date: 04 February 2021 15:06:37
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Yes it was a document from the internet from ofgem. I was pointing out that Aquind needs the exemption in France to make this project viable.

Could this email please be considered as a submission if the other document cannot. Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Viola Langley

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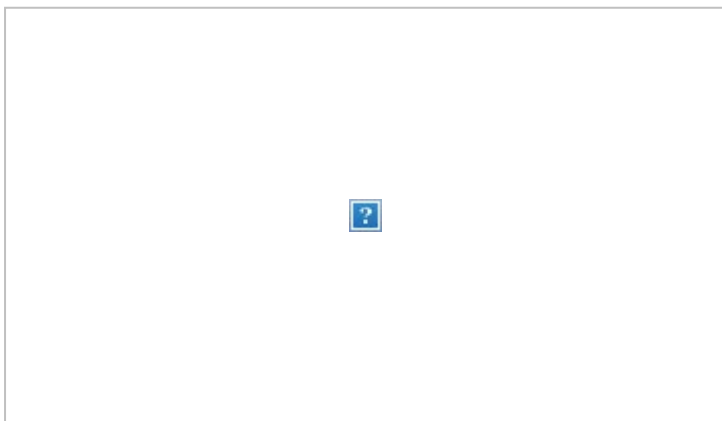
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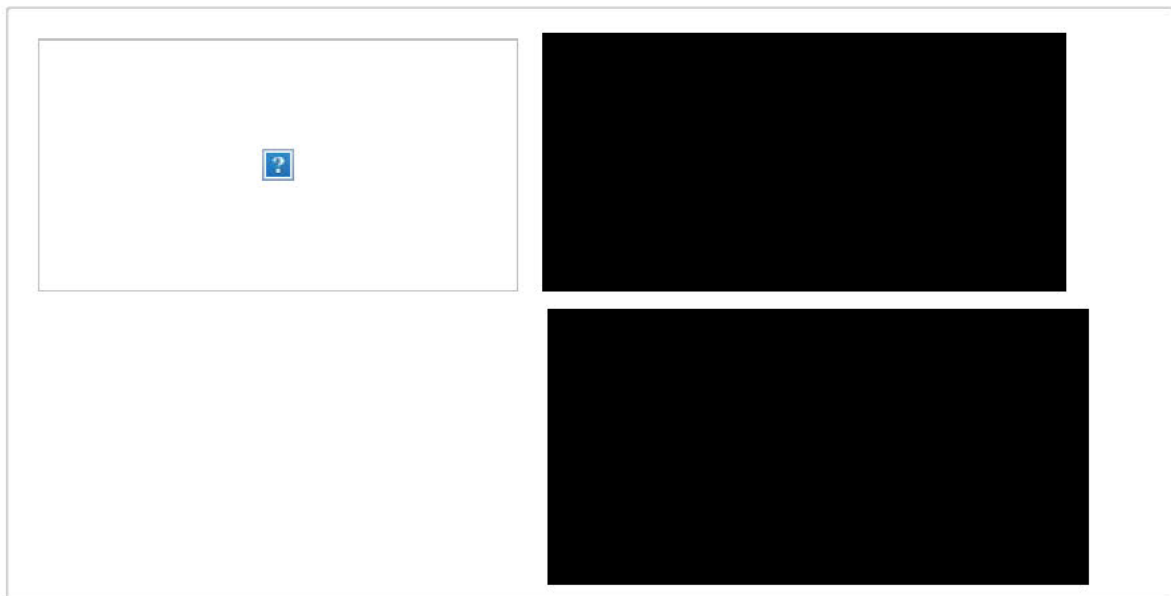
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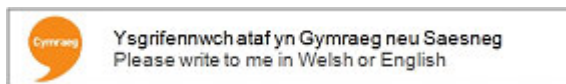
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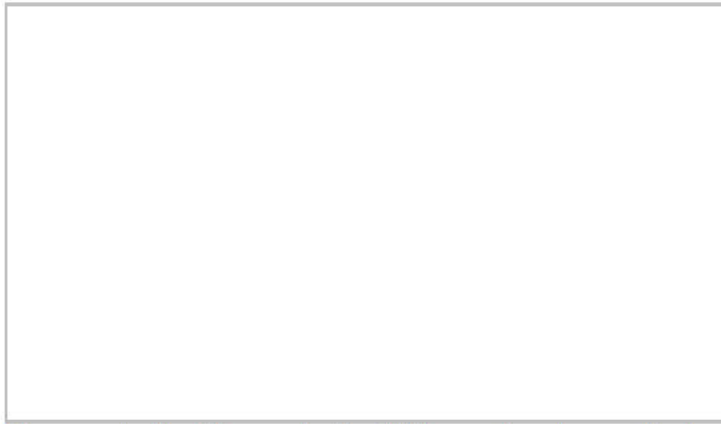
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Reference your suggestion relating to deadline 8 we would like to bring to the examiner's attention the issue relating to FOC regeneration stations.

A second issue we would like address is the funding of this project.

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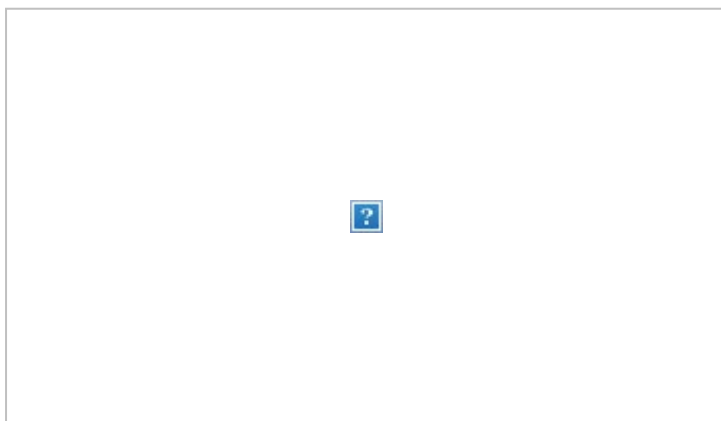
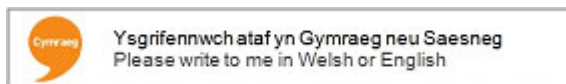
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Dear Examiners, I recognise the responsibility I have today as I speak for the 2000 people on the Fb group and the 1000s of people who still do not know about this project. I thank you for letting us express our concerns.

Personally, my husband and I have an allotment, plot 62 and live [REDACTED] so doubly affected. We waited for 4 and a half years for this plot. I am at the allotment every day throughout the year.

May I quote?

"To detach Nature from economic reasoning is to imply that we consider ourselves to be external to Nature. The fault is not in economics; it lies in the way we have chosen to practise it."

Humanity now faces a choice: we can continue down a path where our demands on Nature far exceed Nature's capacity to supply them on a sustainable basis; or we can take a different path, one where our engagements with Nature are not only sustainable but also enhance our collective well-being and the well-being of our descendants."

We in 2021 need to contemplate on these words and need to really listen and act.

I did not intend to address this issue today. However, 2 weeks ago the Dasgupta report entitled "The Economics of Biodiversity" was published. This 600 page report was commissioned by the Treasury.

Having studied this document has made me reappraise the Aquind Interconnector project.

Is the Treasury not forcing us to reconsider our present and future policies?

We, all of us, have lost our way and need to write a new story: a story which respects nature and does not exploit it. The economic compass needs resetting and in the Dasgupta report we find proposals, thought provoking and challenging.

In the Dasgupta report traditional economic analyses are challenged and judged failures because of the continual damage done to our biosphere.

Does the Aquind project need to be revisited and re-evaluated to avoid contributing to the same old excesses?

So, what do we need to change? Do institutions need to change? How are we going to achieve this change? These are all questions we need to consider at this stage of the examining process.

You might ask yourself whether this applies to the Aquind Interconnector?

Very much so. We are looking at a changed world. This interconnector project has been rejected by us locals, local communities, councillors and our MPs who all know the local conditions much better than the government in London and you yourselves.

Resistance towards this project has been demonstrated at every possible level but it seems this resistance has not been taken seriously. Our allotments are of great importance to all of us and my family on a personal level. What is more important - to protect and safeguard our environment here and now or to install an electric and fibre-optic cable when there are already other interconnectors built or proposed?

We could follow the old way, just adding and adding increasing consumption and not being concerned about the damage done.

This interconnector would cause nothing but damage to the citizens and our biodiversity.

This has been acknowledged not only in Britain but in France, too.

You must ask yourselves, dear Examiners, why is there such resistance?

We do this because we care for our children and future generations, our habitats and species. We want our planet to thrive.

Reading Aquind's Environmental and Scoping Report I find an analysis of environmental impacts, graded high, medium and low; recognition that this project will do harm and cause damage.

So why should we do this? Who is benefiting from this?

It is not about mitigation because mitigation in this instance is not an option for our local environment.

Let us take one example from this week's Hearing; Brent Geese

I live in Milton, I walk Milton Common, past the University ground, the Milton Nature Reserves and allotments every day at different times. I observe the Brent Geese and let us not forget all the other migratory birds like redshank, dunlin, plover, sanderling just to mention a few. I see first hand where they feed and rest. How can an employee of Aquind give an accurate picture of our Brent geese on a one-day observation? The geese feed and rest differently at different times of the day according to the tides. You observe them on the lakes on Milton Common, on the university ground, Portsmouth college, on the sea and Eastney lake. PCC is trying to put a management plan together to safeguard our Brent geese, to help biodiversity recover. How is this going to be helped by the enormous destruction this project will cause?

Empowerment of citizens

You, the examiners, have been informed about the few green spaces, the allotments being one of them, we have left on an overcrowded island. That is why we residents ask you not to deprive us of them - not even for a day. Have you got any idea how busy these green areas are now with Covid 19? Covid has taught us the importance of the "great outdoors".

We who live along the route take this interconnector project very seriously and have looked at the many issues involved. We are not experts, we are not planners but we care deeply for our environment, for our allotments and therefore for ourselves. We are part of nature. This threat to our biodiversity is an existential threat and Portsmouth feels it intensely.

I know of other residents of Portsmouth who have written to you but their submissions have been rejected as they are not interested /affected parties.

If you read the Dasgupta report you will read about interconnectedness.

We are all interconnected , certainly we residents, we allotment holders.

All people, habitats , species along the route and beyond are affected. So, why were all residents of Portsmouth not allowed to take part in the dialogue about this project? I would suggest the process has built-in failure, in this case institutional failure.

The consultation process was totally inadequate. Please forgive me for repeating myself as I have mentioned this before in my earlier submissions. Why are there still allotment holders who do not know how to make their voices heard? BUT, this is it too important a point not to repeat. We all learn best by repetition or making mistakes .

Funding

We have challenged the funding of this project , the donations handed over. MPs had to recuse themselves because they got too near to the applicant. We are told that this issue is not part of this Examining process. We have taken it to our MPs and they have raised it in Parliament. At what stage in the Examining process or elsewhere can this be discussed and given the attention it needs? There is not a lot of time left.

So, where does this leave us now? You have had bucketfuls of information from the applicant and other interested parties. We ,at Let's stop Aquind ,have done our best to counterbalance this enormous amount of data and present you, the examiners, with the opportunity to reach an unbiased position.

We heard Mr. Jarvis, this week, referring to laws enacted over the past 30 years which are being used and considered relevant to this application. These antique laws are of course useful points of reference but circumstances have radically changed. There was no climate emergency then. There was no awareness of biodiversity loss. There was no pandemic and

what else has fundamentally changed: too much to list here. But these changed circumstances should now change our focus.

We know there is a New Office for Environmental Protection and an environmental bill awaiting to be enacted. This should be considered when making recommendation. This matches the Dasgupta report from the Treasury and the PMs frequent reference to sustainability.

Yet here we are, 3 weeks off the end of the examination process, rushed through it seems, and so many questions unanswered. Are we not being rushed through this examination process? Under current circumstances should this examination process not been given more time? It is all very well for Aquind who has employed Herbert, Smith, Freehills, WSP and other contractors. Our overworked Council Officers have to deal with Aquind and additional problems in their area. No wonder there is a time delay in their response to documents. And as for the allotment holders who say to me \i do not inderstand a word in the letters I receive and I do not know what to do.

This week, 15. February ,Aquind's Works time- table arrives on the examination site. Help! Q3, 2021! Work to begin at Fort Cumberland Car park! Can this be true?

Where are we then? No recommendation from yourselves , no agreement in France, not even a planning process started , Covid wave 4 predicted, climate change, loss of biodiversity, possibly damage to our allotment spaces.

This is your moment, your opportunity, dear Examiners . Is there not enough evidence, enough resistance, enough objections, enough suspicious dealings to refuse this application? Could your recommendation be the beacon of hope leading to a better, more sustainable world?

This is an add on after the examination as you, dear Examiners have asked about the community hub.

My plot is next to the community allotment and I have regular talks with the woman who is employed by PCC to look after the hub.

She works hard to maintain the vital green space for our community. Insects, birds, flowers, bushes and trees thrive .She works together with volunteers to create this important part of the allotments. She coordinates visits , mornings in particular for people with learning difficulties. Regular visitor from patients from St James' with their care personnel makes this community allotment a haven for recovery for people who suffer from anxiety, distress and

mental and physical impairments. They plant together, see first hand how to grow vegetable and plants, they weed and above all connect with nature. For many it is a life line and the Aquind project could have a devastating effects on their well being. I observe how happy people are when they are in the garden, they laugh and have some fun. I see them marvelling at the wildlife and enjoy life again. Dear examiners, just the thought that this could be at risk makes my heart stop. Some of these clients are very sensitive, they might respond to noise, vibrations, in a different way to us. It might trigger some unknown response to their condition. Has anybody thought about this yet? Amongst the allotment plot holders you will find many who use this space for their mental recovery, their well being. Can you put this at risk? I have walked around the allotment area many times. I have seen the area where the machines will start drilling. It is very close to the allotments. We have talked about health and physical well being but has anybody ever looked at the personal health issues the allotment holders have and what might happen if they are exposed to the possible negative consequences impacts of the HDD operation and especially any inadvertent releases? I searched the internet and could not find if this HDD drilling has ever been carried out under allotments. I believe not. So , we do not know for sure about the possible consequences this could have. It is not just the physical impact but the mental distress.