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Dear Sirs

Aquind Interconnector DCO - Applicant Deadline 8 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 8.

The Applicant's Deadline 8 submission is made in accordance with the letters issued by the Examining Authority ('ExA') on 11 January 2021 pursuant to Rule 8(3), 9 and 13 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (the 'Rules') and 24 February 2021 pursuant to Rules 9 and 17 of the Rules.

The project team has been considering the submissions made at Deadline 7c and the oral submissions made at the hearings on the week commencing 15th February 2021, including by continuing engagement with stakeholders throughout this period.

As the ExA will be aware, further to their request during the hearings the Applicant has sought to submit documents early. To avoid confusion, those earlier submissions are not referred to in the schedule to this letter.

Deadline 8 Submission Documents Summary

The Applicant now submits the information required to satisfy the procedural rulings of the ExA for what must be submitted by Deadline 8 by the Applicant. A full list of all documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 8 is included with this letter at Schedule 1.

A final version of the Application Guide, including the Application Document Tracker as an appendix, is enclosed which reflects changes to the documents since the application was submitted.

A proposed final version of the draft Development Consent Order is submitted, updated following Issue Specific Hearing 4 and further discussions with stakeholders since then. As the ExA will be aware, updates may be made to this on Friday 5th March 2021 in response to other parties submissions made at Deadline 8. The draft Development Consent Order is supported by a schedule of changes and an updated final version of the Explanatory Memorandum. In addition, the Applicant submits a Schedule of changes requested by the ExA and interested parties and the Applicant's position in relation to those.



The Applicant submits three development consent obligations with each of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council and the South Downs National Park. Legal agreements to secure the entering into of the bilateral development consent obligations with each of Hampshire County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority are in the process of being executed, and the Applicant will provide an update in this regard as soon as is possible and before the close of the Examination on 8th March 2021. A Development Consent Obligations Explanatory Note is also submitted, which provides a full explanation of the approach to and position in respect of the development consent obligations to be secured in connection with the proposed Development Consent Order.

Final versions of the Design and Access Statement, Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy, Book of Reference, Statement of Reasons, Compulsory Acquisition Schedule, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Mitigation Schedule and Schedule of Documents forming the Environmental Statement are submitted.

Whilst at this time it is not anticipated it will be necessary to do so, the Applicant may submit updates to those documents at Deadline 9 where necessary, for example updates to the Mitigation Schedule where any changes are made to the draft Order which must be reflected.

The Applicant submitted written summaries of their oral case at Issue Specific Hearings 4 and 5 on 20 February 2021. The written summaries for Open Floor Hearing 3 and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 are submitted as part of this Deadline 8 submission, and these are supported by the post hearing notes requested by the Examining Authority (provided as a single document) and the appendices referred to therein.

The Applicant's comments on the Report of Implications on European Sites (RIES) are also submitted.

Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) are submitted, together with final Statement of Commonality detailing the final position between the Applicant and relevant stakeholders on the SoCG.

The Applicant also submits a response to the submissions made by Interested Parties at Deadline 7c.

We trust this covering letter provides a helpful and proportionate overview of the submissions made by the Applicant for Deadline 8. Should the Planning Inspectorate have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

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SCHEDULE 1 – APPLICANT’S DEADLINE 8 SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Document Name
1.2	Application Guide (incorporating 1.3 Application Document Tracker)
2.5	Access and Rights of Way Plan
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)
4.3	Book of Reference (clean)
4.3	Book of Reference (tracked)
5.5	Design and Access Statement (clean)
5.5	Design and Access Statement (tracked)
5.5.1	Design and Access Statement - Appendix 3 - SWDACMS - Appendix 8 Site Investigation (Factual Report)
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)
6.6	Mitigation Schedule
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)
6.8.3.1	HRA - Vol 3 - Appendix 1 European Marine Sites Screening and Integrity Matrices (clean)
6.8.3.1	HRA - Vol 3 - Appendix 1 European Marine Sites Screening and Integrity Matrices (tracked)

6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (clean)
6.9	Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (tracked)
6.10	Replacement Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy (clean)
6.10	Replacement Outline Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy (tracked)
7.1.11	Deadline 8 Cover Letter
7.2.8	Deadline 8 Schedule of Changes (if required)
7.3.1	Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order
7.3.8	Comments on the ExA's Proposed schedule of changes to the dDCO
7.5.1	Statement of Commonality
7.5.3	Statement of Common Ground with Portsmouth City Council and East Coast Solent Partnership
7.5.4	Statement of Common Ground with Winchester City Council
7.5.5	Statement of Common Ground with Hampshire County Council
7.5.6	Statement of Common Ground with East Hampshire District Council
7.5.7	Statement of Common Ground with South Downs National Park Authority
7.5.8	Statement of Common Ground with Havant Borough Council
7.5.10	Statement of Common Ground with Highways England
7.5.11	Statement of Common Ground with Natural England
7.5.12	Statement of Common Ground with 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
7.5.20	Statement of Common Ground with Portsmouth Water Ltd
7.5.21	Statement of Common Ground with West Waterlooville Development Ltd / Grainger PLC
7.5.25	Hampshire County Council development consent obligation
7.5.26	South Downs National Park Authority development consent obligation
7.5.27	Portsmouth City Council development consent obligation
7.5.28	Development Consent Obligations – Explanatory Note
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
7.8.1.14	Appendix 14 - Note on PRow, Long Distance Walking Paths and Cycle Route Diversions
7.9.9.1	Schedule of Documents Forming the Environmental Statement (clean)
7.9.9.1	Schedule of Documents Forming the Environmental Statement (tracked)
7.9.29	Day Lane Technical Note
7.9.37	Travel Demand Management Strategy
7.9.42	Applicant's Written Summary of the Oral Case - Open Floor Hearing 3 (OFH3) and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 3 (CAH3)
7.9.44	Applicant's Post Hearing Notes
7.9.44.1	Appendix 1 - Correspondence with Allotment Holders
7.9.44.2	Appendix 2 - S135 Consent from the Ministry of Defence for the AQUIND Interconnector
7.9.44.3	Appendix 3 - S135 Letter from Burges Salmon on behalf of the Crown Estate
7.9.44.4	Appendix 4 - Air Quality CAZ Sensitivity Testing Technical Note



7.9.44.5	Appendix 5 - Newspaper advertisements in connection with change requests
7.9.44.6	Appendix 6 - Consideration of Alternatives (Connections)
7.9.45	Applicant's Response to Deadline 7c Submissions
7.9.45.1	Appendix A - Applicant's Response to Carpenter's Submissions
7.9.46	Comments on the Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES)
7.9.47	Kings Pond Meadow Technical Note