

Our ref: 20025089  
Your ref: EN020022

Highways England  
Bridge House  
1 Walnut Tree Close  
Guildford GU1 4LZ

AQUIND Interconnector Case Team  
The Planning Inspectorate  
National Infrastructure Planning  
Temple Quay House  
2 The Square  
Bristol, BS1 6PN

[REDACTED]  
1 March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector Project (EN020022): Written Statement**

I refer to your letter of 15 September 2020 regarding the above proposal and your invitation to submit written representations to the Examining Authority's (ExA) by Deadline 8 (1 March 2021).

Highways England's responses are set out below and should be read in conjunction with the Final Statement of Common Ground between Highways England and AQUIND which has been submitted to you by the Applicant at Deadline 8.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Patrick Blake  
Area 3 Spatial Planner  
Email: patrick.blake@highwaysengland.co.uk

## **AQUIND Interconnector Project (EN020022)**

### **Written Statement by Highways England**

**1 March 2021**

#### **Introduction**

---

Highways England (HE) have been invited to provide written representations to the ExA's Written Questions for this project. The relevant issues outstanding for Highways England and our current position set out below.

#### **FINAL Statement of Common Ground**

Matters agreed to date with the applicant are set out in the agreed final statement of common ground (at deadline 8) which was submitted by the applicant.

#### **Protective Provisions**

---

Protective Provisions have been agreed between Highways England and AQUIND on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **Traffic and Transport**

---

We issued our final technical note (TN04) on matters related to traffic and transport on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The highlighted outstanding issues identified in TN04 have been addressed by subsequent updates to the Framework Construction Management Strategy (namely 2.6 'Traffic Management Measures Outside the online cable corridor') and Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (namely 7.3 'Liaison, Monitoring and Mitigation').

#### **Proposed Easement**

---

Following the formal approval and geotechnical certification in accordance with CD622 by Highways England, Heads of Terms for a formal easement to facilitate a crossing beneath the A27 have been agreed.

Dialogue is ongoing to complete documentation for the deed of easement, although there are no showstoppers to prevent this being formally agreed in due course.

#### **Other Matters**

---

##### **'Relevant Highway Authority'**

Following amendments to the Framework Construction Management Strategy and Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan, Highways England are content that appropriate engagement protocols are now in place related to matters on the strategic road network.

I can confirm that Highways England formally withdraws its objection (as set out in representations dated 18 February 2020) to the draft order being made.