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I am Chair of the Milton Neighbourhood Planning Forum and an "Interested Party" invited by you on 4th November 2021 to comment on the Secretary of State's Letter to the applicant of the same date. The "Janet" e-mail address has been adopted as more reliable than the "Chair e-mail" address copied above. I shall be grateful if you will reply/acknowledge to both.

The Secretary of State is inviting comments from "interested Parties" to the responses from the Applicant received on 18 November 2021.

The Applicant has failed to adequately respond to the "Alternative Options" raised in the Milton Neighbourhood Planning Forum's response dated 16th November and which for the avoidance of doubt, an extract is reproduced here:-

"From the facts we have, it is neither sound, or reasonable, to grant consent for an Interconnector route adjacent to, and affecting, an Internationally Designated Special Protection Area for the protection of wildlife habitats. Indeed, were there to be an overwhelmingly justifiable "overriding public benefit" to connect into the Lovedean Substation Site impacting these habitats, the applicant could have opted for an easier and far less disruptive scheme by using the former Hayling Island railway link to the mainland at Havant. This has been utilised in the past as an overhead HV Electricity cable route. Disruption and damage to the most densely populated City in the UK would in that event be entirely avoided".

Compulsory Purchase Rights are Granted by Statute and Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the guidance issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land explain that for the SoS to establish there is a compelling case in the public interest, they will need to be persuaded that there is compelling evidence that the public benefits that would be derived from the compulsory acquisition will outweigh the private loss that would be suffered by those whose land is to be acquired. Paragraphs 8 to 10 of that guidance provide general considerations in relation to the compulsory acquisition of land, and that the Applicant must be able to demonstrate the following to the SoS in connection with the compulsory acquisition powers sought:

- (A) that all reasonable alternatives have been explored;
- (B) that the proposed interference with the rights of those with an interest in the land is for a legitimate purpose, and that it is necessary and proportionate;
- (C) that the Applicant has a clear idea of how they intend to use the land which it is proposed to acquire;
- (D) that there is a reasonable prospect of the requisite funds for acquisition becoming available;
- (E) that the purposes for which an order authorises the compulsory acquisition of land are

legitimate and are sufficient to justify interfering with the human rights of those with an interest in the affected land, with particular regard given to Article 1 of the First Protocol to the European Convention on Human Rights and, in the case of the acquisition of a dwelling, Article 8 of the Convention.

To reiterate our principal concerns, there is no demonstrable justification for routing the Interconnector through Portsmouth compliant with A; B; & E) above because of the disproportionate disruption to so many by so few in plain sight of a much easier route using the Hayling Billy trail to Havant Railway Station and thence to Lovedean. It could so easily follow a route from Stockheath adjacent to the course of the Hermitage Stream (which is primarily London Clay) toward the A3(M) and onward to Lovedean avoiding nearly all residential areas.

In persisting with such an obviously disruptive and manifestly unnecessary route, the suspicions of alternative motives than those of Energy Security become increasingly pervasive.

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Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

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On 4 November 2021, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy issued a request for further information to the Applicant. The Applicant provided its response on 18 November 2021.

The Secretary of State now invites comments from Interested Parties on the information submitted by the Applicant. The Secretary of State would, in particular, like to request responses from specific parties on certain topics, details of which are set out in the letter linked below:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-004292>

Comments should be submitted by email only to:

aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by 23.59 on 15 December 2021.

Responses will be published on the AQUIND Interconnector project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=overview> as soon as possible after 15 December 2021.

If these links do not open automatically, please copy and paste them into your browser. Alternatively, the documents have been published to the 'documents' tab on the project page of our website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=docs>

Yours faithfully,

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