

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

## **AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR**

### **THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

#### **NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT**

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 that a determination has been made on an application made by AQUIND Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting development consent under the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”) for Environmental Impact Assessment development.

The application is for the construction and operation for the UK elements of a 2,000MW bi-directional electrical power transmission link (an interconnector) between Normandy in France and Lovedean in Hampshire.

The Secretary of State has decided, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application, that development consent should be refused for the proposed Development.

The statement of reasons for the Secretary of State’s decision under section 116(1)(b) of the 2008 Act and regulation 31(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

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

Hard copies of the decision documentation will also be available to inspect at the Planning Inspectorate’s offices (by appointment using the contact details below).

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Copies of the Secretary of State’s decision letter can be obtained by writing or sending an e-mail to the Planning Inspectorate. No charge will be made for this service.