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Dear Sir or Madam

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

In response to your letter of 3 March 2023, I attach comments on behalf of East Hampshire District Council as an 'interested party'.

Your sincerely

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Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero

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28 April 2023

Dear Sir

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

Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed AQUIND Interconnector (“the AQUIND Interconnector project”)

Secretary of State Re-determination of Application: Request for Information

Unique Reference: EN020022

I refer to your letter dated 3 March 2023 seeking further information from 5 named parties on 4 specific issues. Your letter also indicates that responses from interested parties will also be taken into account and it is in that capacity that East Hampshire District Council wishes to make the following comments.

Update on the site around the proposed Converter Station (Lovedean)

The following is brought to your attention.

A planning application has been submitted for a proposed solar farm with a battery storage facility on land that lies to the north, west and south of the Lovedean Sub Station. The application was received on 18 February 2022. The EHDC application reference number is 58038/003 and full details of the application can be seen online through this link:

<https://planningpublicaccess.easthants.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Attached to this letter as appendix A is a copy of a plan that shows the extent of the application site.

The solar farm scheme relates to land that falls within both the Winchester City Council and the East Hampshire District Council areas.

At the present time the Council is not in a position to indicate a timescale for the determination of this application.

The solar farm scheme developer has sought to avoid any overlap between the two schemes and has intentionally drawn their red line inside the Aquind application site boundary to avoid such an overlap. This is most readily apparent on the field boundaries where the solar farm boundary has been drawn several metres inside the hedgerows. For assistance, attached as appendix B is a copy of a plan that shows the two application sites. Notwithstanding the above intention, the Enso proposed solar farm scheme does overlap the proposed Aquind scheme in the following regards:

HGV Traffic movements.

The Hampshire County Council Highway Engineer proposed a maximum number of HGV movements associated with the Aquind project at Lovedean substation area. In the event that both Aquind and the solar farm scheme gained approval and that their construction periods coincided, then there is the possibility that the maximum number of HGV movements on the local roads is exceeded.

All parties are aware of this possibility and have recognised that this scenario needs to be avoided by some form of arrangement that caps the maximum number of HGV movements in the event of both sets of traffic running at the same time. To this end, EHDC are satisfied with the latest proposed wording for Requirement 17 and in the event the solar farm project is approved, a condition to achieve the same effect through a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan is recommended.

Cumulative impact

The Aquind submission regarding cumulative landscape impact assessment (ES Vol 1 Chapter 29) (APP-144) does need updating to reflect the potential presence of the proposed solar farm around the proposed Converter Station.

If any clarification on the above matters is required, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Natalie Meagher

Director or Regulation and Enforcement



INDICATIVE PLANT LIST

P21-0899_Plant list_KA_281022

Tree species	Specifications	Approx. %
Alnus glutinosa	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; feathered; 5 breaks; B	5%
Betula pendula	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; feathered; 5 breaks; B	6%
Populus tremula	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; Standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 3 breaks; B	6%
Prunus avium	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; Standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 3 breaks; B	6%
Quercus robur	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; feathered; 5 breaks; B	45%
Salix fragilis	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; Standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 3 breaks; B	5%
Sorbus aria	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; Standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 3 breaks; B	12%
Sorbus aucuparia	8-10cm diam.; 250-300cm ht.; 2x; Standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 3 breaks; B	15%
Tree species mature stock		
Alnus glutinosa	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; large feathered; 7 breaks; B	5%
Betula pendula	14-16cm diam.; 425-600cm ht.; 3x; extra heavy standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks; B	6%
Populus tremula	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; extra heavy standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks; B	6%
Prunus avium	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; extra heavy standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks; B	6%
Quercus robur	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; large feathered; 7 breaks; B	45%
Salix fragilis	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; extra heavy standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks; B	5%
Sorbus aria	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; extra heavy standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks; B	12%
Sorbus aucuparia	14-16cm diam.; 400-450cm ht.; 3x; extra heavy standard; clear stem 175-200cm; 5 breaks; B	15%
Native woodland buffer mix		
Alnus glutinosa	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Betula pendula	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Populus tremula	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Prunus avium	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Quercus robur	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	35%
Sorbus aria	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	10%
Sorbus aucuparia	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	10%
Acer campestre	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Corylus avellana	60-80cm ht.; 1+2; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 3 breaks; B	10%
Crataegus monogyna	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	1%
Ilex aquifolium	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	2%
Malus sylvestris	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	2%
Rosa canina	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 3 breaks; B	2%
Native woodland buffer mix mature stock		
Alnus glutinosa	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	5%
Betula pendula	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	5%
Populus tremula	150-175cm ht.; 1+2; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Prunus avium	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 5 breaks; B	5%
Quercus robur	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	35%
Sorbus aria	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	10%
Sorbus aucuparia	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 4 breaks; B	10%
Acer campestre	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	7%
Corylus avellana	100-125cm ht.; branched; 4 breaks; B	10%
Crataegus monogyna	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 4 breaks; B	1%
Ilex aquifolium	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 4 breaks; B	1%
Malus sylvestris	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 4 breaks; B	2%
Native mixed hedgerow		
Acer campestre	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	15%
Corylus avellana	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 2 breaks; B	20%
Crataegus monogyna	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	25%
Ilex aquifolium	40-60cm ht.; 2x; leader with laterals	5%
Ligustrum vulgare	40-60cm ht.; 0/1; cutting; branched; 2 breaks; B	5%
Malus sylvestris	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; B	5%
Prunus spinosa	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 2 breaks; B	10%
Rosa canina	40-60cm ht.; 2x; branched; 3 breaks	5%
Salix caprea	40-60cm ht.; 2x; cutting; branched; 3 breaks	5%
Sambucus nigra	40-60cm ht.; 1+0; seedling; branched; 2 breaks; B	5%
Native mixed hedgerow mature stock		
Acer campestre	150-175cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	15%
Corylus avellana	100-125cm ht.; branched; 4 breaks; B	20%
Crataegus monogyna	125-150cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 3 breaks; B	25%
Ilex aquifolium	100-125cm ht.; leader with laterals; RB	5%
Ligustrum vulgare	80-100cm ht.; 0/2; cutting; branched; 3 breaks; B	5%
Malus sylvestris	125-150cm ht.; 2x; Feathered; 4 breaks; B	5%
Prunus spinosa	100-125cm ht.; 1+2; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 4 breaks; B	10%
Rosa canina	60-80cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 3 breaks; B	5%
Salix caprea	150-175cm ht.; 0/1/2; Transplant; cutting raised; 3 breaks; B	5%
Sambucus nigra	80-100cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 3 breaks; B	5%
Native Scrub Mix		
Viburnum opulus	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 2 breaks; B	15%
Viburnum lantana	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 2 breaks; B	15%
Cornus sanguinea	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 2 breaks; B	20%
Rosa canina	40-60cm ht.; 1+0; seedling; branched; B	20%
Ligustrum vulgare	40-60cm ht.; 0/1; Cutting; branched; 2 breaks; B	10%
Euonymus europaeus	40-60cm ht.; 1+1; Transplant - seed raised; branched; 3 breaks; B	20%

KEY

- Application area
 - Public Right of Way
 - Existing hedges, trees, woodland & tree groups
 - Overhead line offset
 - Retained agricultural land
 - Native woodland buffer mix - mature stock
 - Native woodland buffer mix
 - Native scrub mixed
 - New native mixed hedgerow - mature stock
 - New native mixed hedgerow
 - Proposed tree planting - various sizes
 - Hardstanding
 - Proposed swale, refer to outline SuDS design
- PROPOSED**
- Emorsgate EM6 - Meadow Mixture For Chalk & Limestone Soils (outside the security fence)
 - Emorsgate EG27- Special Old Fashioned Grazing Mixture, or similar & approved (within the security fence)

Rev	Date	By	Note
H	09.11.22	KA	Adding SuDS
G	28.10.22	KA	Landscape amends
F	18.08.22	VR	Landscape amends
E	01.08.22	VR	Changes to layout
D	08.02.22	VR	Minor changes
C	08.02.22	VR	Minor changes
B	07.02.22	VR	Minor changes
A	04.02.22	VR	Changes to layout

FIGURE 6.6 LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN - Sheet 1
DENMEAD SOLAR FARM

Client: Lovedean Green Ltd. REV: H
 DRWG No: P21-0899.009 Approved by: HS
 Drawn by: VR
 Date: 02/02/2022
 Scale: 1:2500 @ A0



APPENDIX B

EXTRACT FROM ENSO ENERGY DOCUMENT: LANDSCAPE DESIGN EVOLUTION REPORT

PLAN SHOWING EXTENT OF AQUIND SCHEME AND SOLAR FARM

Plan in two parts:

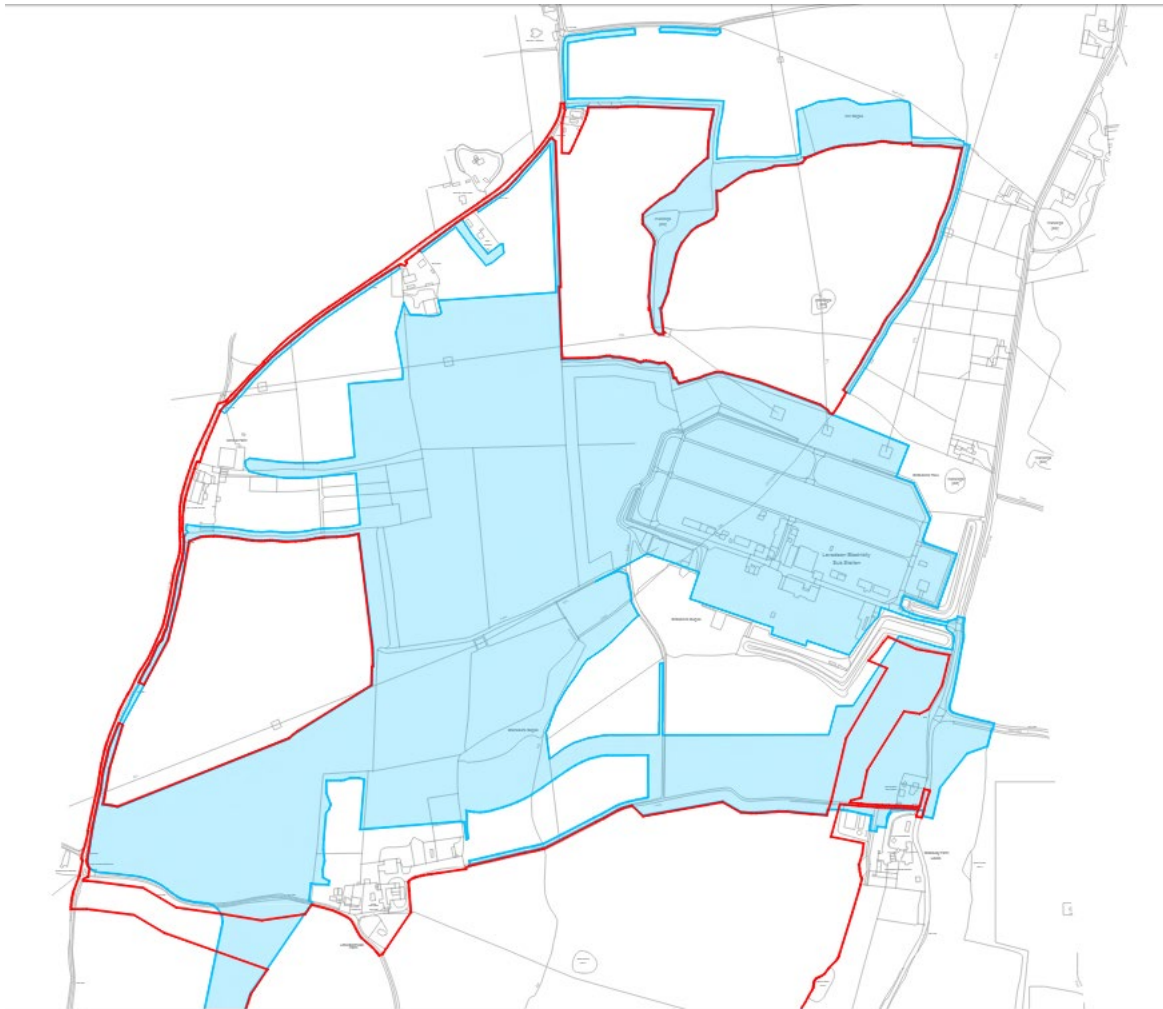




Figure 3: AQUIND Interconnector project boundary in relation to the site boundary