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FAO Grant Shapps, Secretary of State

The submissions from Hampshire County Council, Winchester County Council and Sport England focus on a number of concerns relating to Aquind's plans. They are concerns which Let's Stop Aquind shares.

HCC

Requests updates and and considerations relating to environmental information re the 4 areas listed here:

- the planning application made to WCC re installation of solar farm and battery storage facility with associated infrastructure at Lovedean
- progression of the Ladybridge roundabout
- progression of Transforming Cities Fund works on A3 south of Ladybridge roundabout
- position on requirements to update the Transport Assessment base, considering the impact of the proposed development

Essentially, a traffic management plan is required before commencement of works at Lovedean, as various key works will be happening alongside potential Aquind developments. It is clear that there will be a great deal happening in this area in the near future, aside from Aquind's potential plans. This could cause many issues with movement of traffic over a considerable period of time, making life very difficult for residents and commuters in the area.

'Mitigation measures [as listed above] must be put in place to minimise impact of the development during construction.' HCC

WCC

The council asks, as the location on the Normandy coastline has changed, should the landfall location/Eastney be reconsidered?

This key question is also raised in a number of other submissions, including that of Let's Stop Aquind. As Hautot Sur Mer, 50km to the north east of Le Havre, is now being mooted, the cable routing from there to Portsmouth would certainly not be the shortest or cheapest.

In any case, it is stated in a number of key submissions to the PI that the French have thus far remained resolute in refusing Aquind's project. Blake Morgan's submission on behalf of the Carpenters and PCC are particularly detailed in this respect.

Potential problems with HGV daily movements being exceeded by the combined Enso solar farm and Aquind sub station developments are pointed out in WCC's submission, along with a request for the Grampian requirement.

Sport England

With the sale of St John's playing fields at Farlington, Sport England's concerns focus on the protection of existing playing fields, stating that 'even temporary development will cause disruption.'

SE states that a review of usages and demand needs to be carried out by Aquind.

In this island city, green spaces for sport and recreation are at a premium. Sport England would be in dereliction of duty if they did not point this out.

Concerns from many quarters support my strong view that the Aquind project must not be given the green light. Kwasi Kwarteng came to this conclusion. I trust you will too.

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