

Aquind interconnector - Submission deadline 20 June 23.

Secretary of State.

From the submissions from the 28th April 23 deadline, I very much appreciate the clear and comprehensive counter legal arguments provided by Blake Morgan Solicitors which are contained within their covering report on behalf of their Clients, the owners of Little Denmead Farm.

It is refreshing to read their legal argument documents with counter proposals and considerations for the Secretary of State to review rather than the countless legal documents submitted by the Applicant throughout this entire process.

French Republic landfall.

It appears from other submissions as a result of the last 28th April deadline, that at some undefined stage during the entire process, that the intended landfall in the French Republic changed from Fecamp east of Le Havre to Hautot-Sur-Mer near Dieppe, some 50 km to the east. Is the SoS confident if this change in location had any bearing, at all, on the considerations of any alternative landfall in the UK?

Has the SoS considered why weren't substations further to the east of Lovedean also considered by the Applicant beyond the ones that were actually considered by them. Surely, it would mean less off-shore cable lengths and less impactful routes that could and should have been considered.

Fibre optic cables.

The removal by the Applicant of the commercial aspect of the FOC is understandable. Is the land (subject to CA) still required for the FOC infrastructure? We have not seen any changes to the Land Plans or Book of Reference. How will this be monitored for compliance? Does the Applicant perceive the need for a smaller capacity cable for command and control of the HVDC? If so, what would those new requirements be? Is this to be reflected in the final version of the draft DCO with associated supporting documents?

As of today, 20/06/23, the applicants web site still shows that the spare capacity 'MAY be available' to third parties. Maybe they've just not updated their website yet?

Secretary of State, logic says, please again reject this ludicrous proposal.

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