There are several reasons why various developments now absolutely render the Aquind interconnector project obsolete.

First a direct competitor project has been completed and operational since 25 May 2022 with the ElecLink 1,000 HVDC interconnector running through the Channel Tunnel supplying electricity from France to the UK.

Second the Ministry of Defence has lodged significant concerns as to the proposed Aquind communications fibre optic cable.

Third the new UK Government has announced in July 2024 the creation of GB Energy to develop up to 2,000 wind turbines to produce significant volumes of electricity for the UK market.

Fourth deep concerns about the originating source and beneficial ownership of the company providing finance to Aquind still need to be clarified.

The Aquind project is no longer of any relevance and a decision to reject the Aquind interconnector project planning application should now be taken.

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