

# Community Update Newsletter

## Thank you for taking part

AQUIND would like to thank everyone that took the time to attend the public exhibition events and provide feedback on its proposals for AQUIND Interconnector. Statutory consultation has now closed.

This newsletter contains a summary of the

statutory consultation and the feedback received, together with information on next steps.

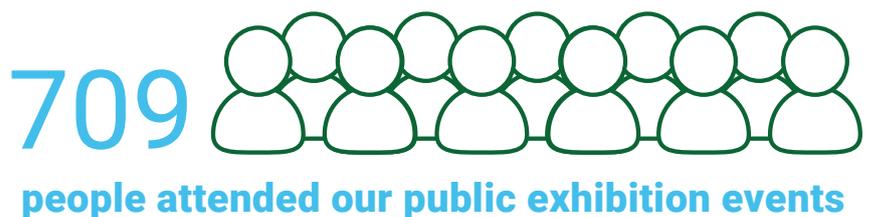
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project team using the details provided.

## 1. The consultation in numbers

Statutory consultation took place between 27 February and 29 April 2019. **During this time:**



Public exhibition events took place in Portsmouth, Havant, East Hampshire and Winchester



155 responses were received from members of the local community



4,667 users visited the project website [www.aquindconsultation.co.uk](http://www.aquindconsultation.co.uk)



10 deposit locations were in operation where the consultation documents were available to view



115,114 people saw a Facebook advert publicising the consultation on their newsfeed



7 local and national papers, with a combined circulation of 200,000, published notices advertising the consultation

## 2. Feedback from the consultation

**67%** of responses to the consultation supported or were neutral regarding the proposed design parameters and approach to landscape mitigation for the Converter Station.

**52%** of responses to the consultation supported or were neutral regarding the proposed approach to the underground cable route.

### Top 5 concerns



Increased traffic and disruption to the local highway network during the installation of the underground cable



AQUIND's awareness of existing traffic hotspots (e.g. rush hour, summer holiday season, football matches...)



Noise during the construction phase and operation of the new Converter Station at Lovedean



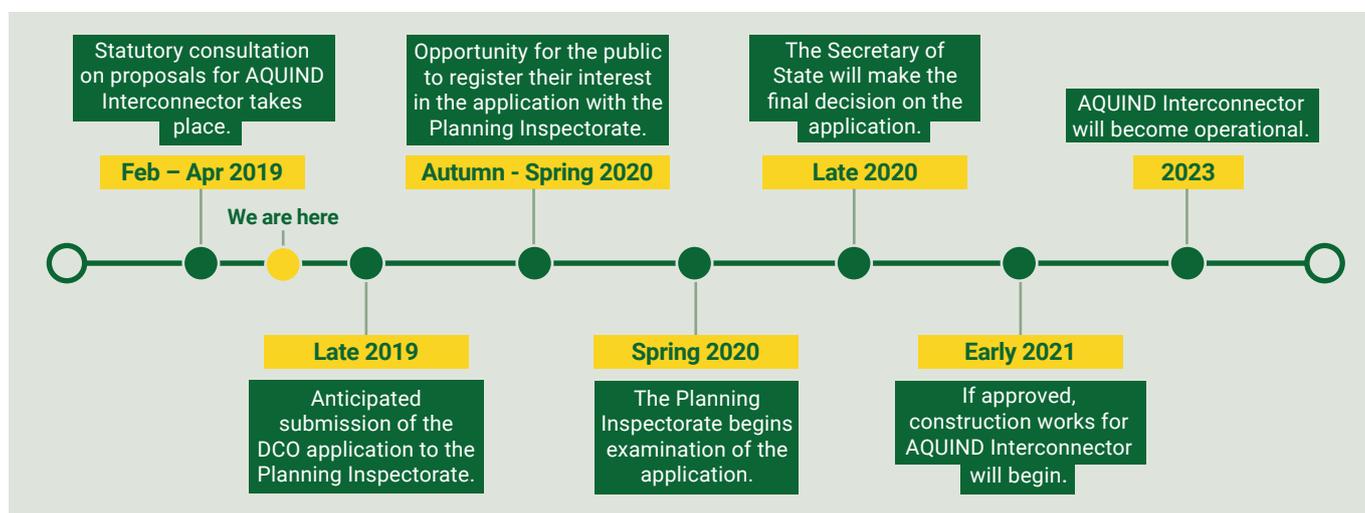
Visual impact of the new Converter Station at Lovedean



Access to properties during the installation of the underground cable

All feedback received during the consultation will be recorded and carefully considered by AQUIND. An explanation of how feedback received has been considered will be detailed in a Consultation Report which will be submitted as part of the DCO application.

## 3. Next steps & anticipated project timeline



For further information about the DCO planning process, please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website: [infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

### Contact Us

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