

VIEWING THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

A copy of the application form and the documents, plans and maps accompanying the application are available to view online at <http://aquindconsultation.co.uk/> and on the Planning Inspectorate's website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=docs>.

An electronic copy of the application documents is available to view using publicly available computers and/or the laptops provided (free of charge) at the following venues between Thursday 2 January 2020 until Wednesday 19 February 2020. Please note that opening days and times may be subject to change.

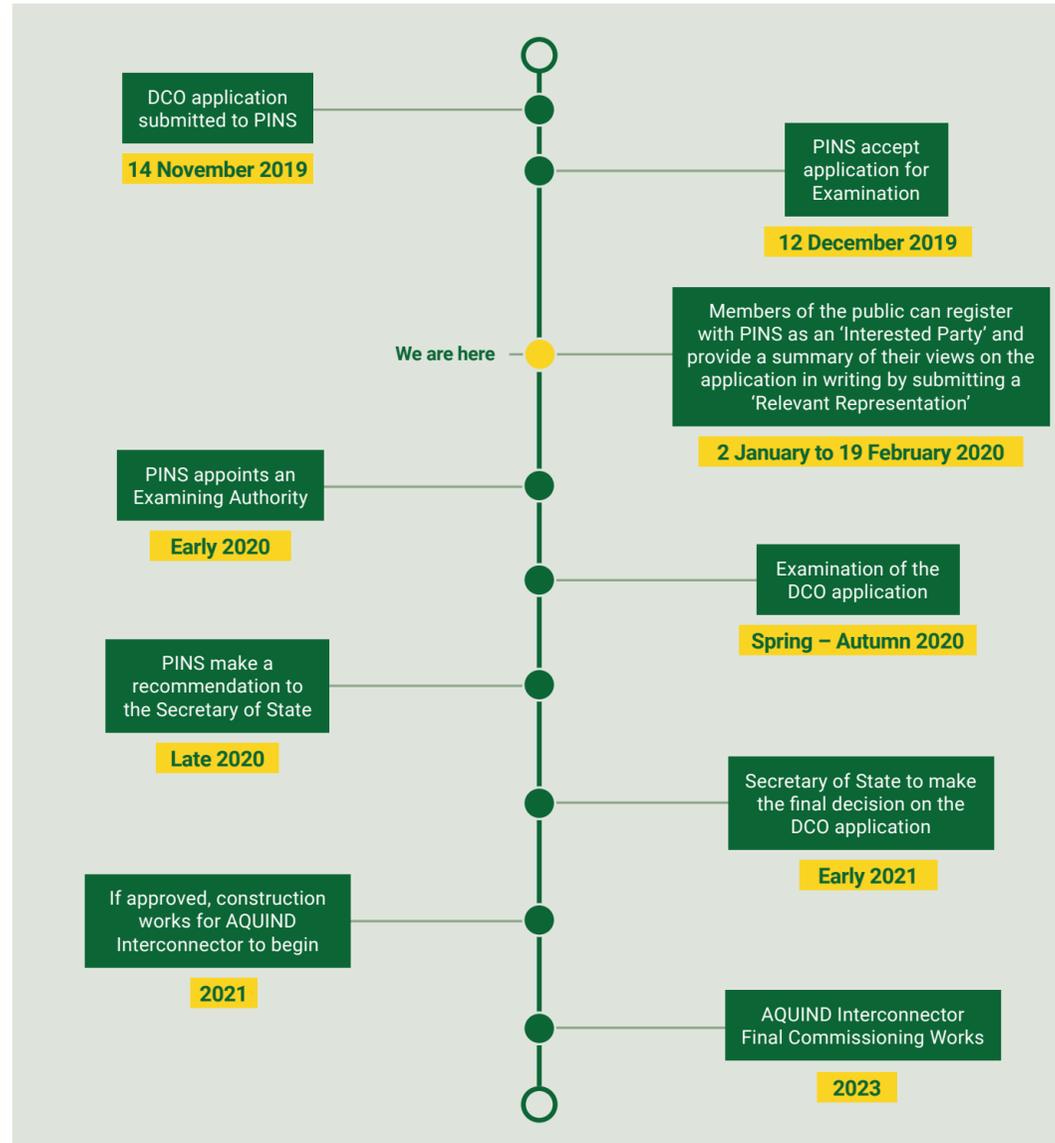
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| North End Library, Glays Avenue, Northend, Portsmouth, PO2 9AX | Mon - Wed: 09:30 - 18:00, Thu & Fri: 09:30 - 17:00, Sat: 10:00 - 15:30 |
| Central Library, Portsmouth City Council, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX | Mon & Fri: 09:30 - 17:00, Tue, Wed & Thu: 09:30 - 18:00, Sat: 10:00 - 15:30 |
| Cosham Library, Spur Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, PO6 3EB | Mon, Tue & Thu: 09:30 - 18:00, Wed & Fri: 09:30 - 17:00, Sat: 10:00 - 15:30 |
| Havant Library, Havant Meridian Centre, Havant, PO9 1UN | Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri: 09:30 - 17:30, Wed: 09:30 - 13:00, Sat: 09:30 - 17:00 |
| Horndean Library, 12 Fiveheads Road, Horndean, PO8 9NW | Mon & Thu: 14:00 - 17:00, Wed: 10:00 - 13:00 & 14:00 - 17:00, Fri: 14:00 - 19:00 |
| Petersfield Library, 27 The Square, Petersfield, GU32 3HH | Mon, Tue, Thu & Sat: 09:00 - 17:00, Wed & Fri: 09:00 - 19:00 |
| Southsea Library, 19-21 Palmerston Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, PO5 3QQ | Mon - Thu: 09:30 - 17:30, Fri: 09:30 - 17:00, Sat: 10:00 - 17:30, Sun: 10:00 - 16:00 |
| Waterlooville Library, The Precinct, Waterlooville, PO7 7DT | Mon, Tue, Wed & Sat: 09:00 - 17:00, Thu & Fri: 09:00 - 19:00 |
| Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ | Mon - Thu: 08:30 - 17:00, Fri: 08:30 - 16:30 |
| Winchester Discovery Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB | Mon - Fri: 09:00 - 19:00, Sat: 09:00 - 17:00, Sun: 11:00 - 15:00 |

Electronic copies of the application documents are also available free of charge on a USB upon request. A paper copy of the complete set of application documents is available to be purchased at the cost of £4,250. Paper copies of individual documents are also available on request, subject to reasonable copying charges. Please email aquindconsultation@becg.com or phone 01962 893 869 if you would like to request a USB or copies of the application documents.



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Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) can be found at: www.aquindconsultation.co.uk/faqs. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the project team via:

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Community Update Newsletter

Following consultation with the local community and stakeholders, AQUIND is pleased to announce that its application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for AQUIND Interconnector was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 12th December 2019.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the February – April 2019 consultation and provided feedback, which has helped shape the final submitted proposal. The accepted application will now progress to the examination phase, which is anticipated to begin in spring 2020.

In this newsletter, you will find a summary of the February – April 2019 consultation together with an overview of how the proposals for AQUIND Interconnector have evolved in response to the feedback received. You can also discover more about the next steps in the DCO planning process, as well as information on how to register as an 'Interested Party' with PINS.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details provided.

The February – April 2019 consultation in numbers:

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

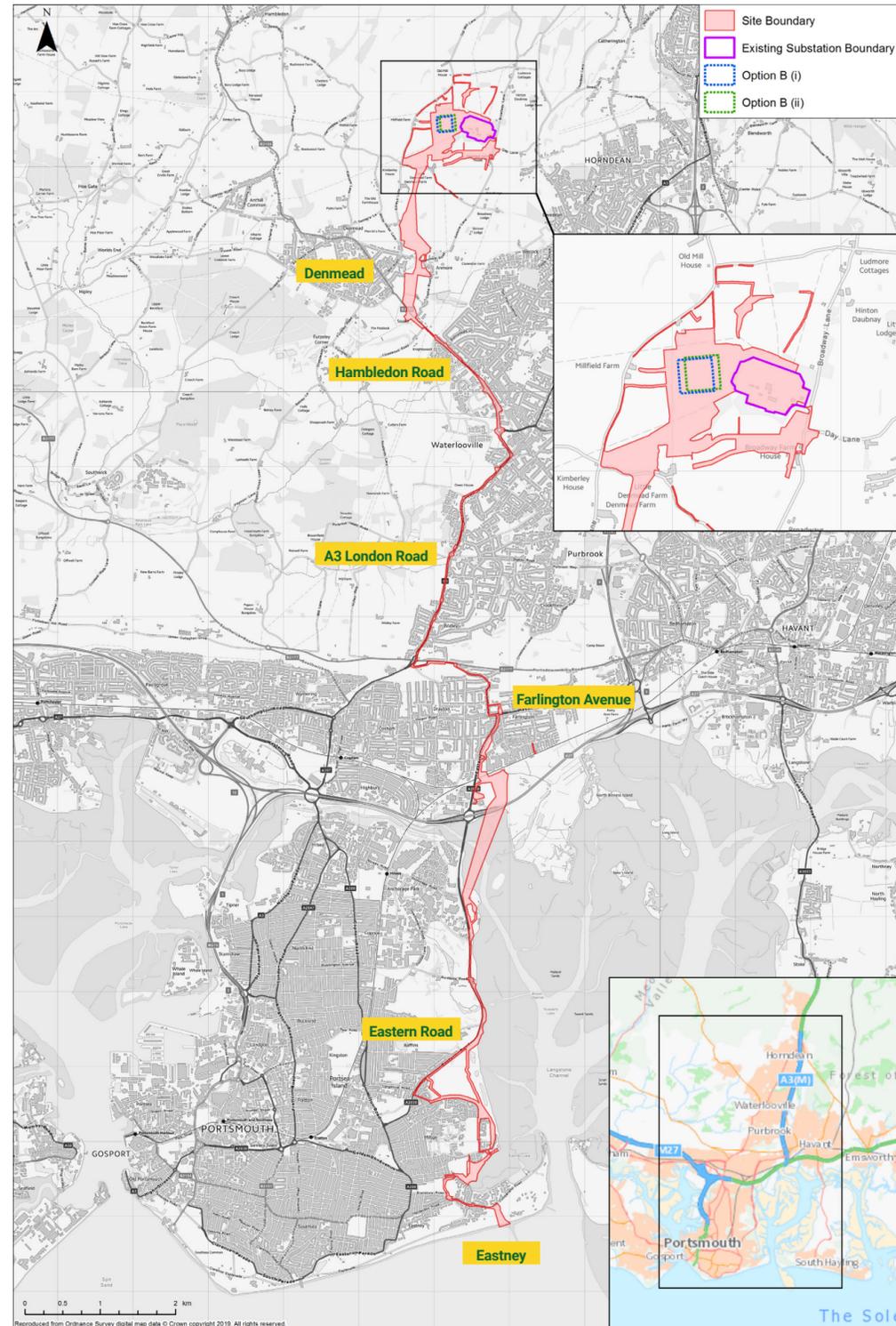
709 people attended the public exhibition events

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

155 feedback responses were received from members of the local community

4,667 users visited the project website at aquindconsultation.co.uk

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



Final cable corridor submitted in DCO application

Throughout the pre-application process, AQUIND has endeavoured to take into account feedback received from the local community and stakeholders and evolve the proposals.

A summary of the key changes made to the proposals following the February – April 2019 consultation is set out below.

Converter Station:

- The site boundary for the new Converter Station has been refined and now includes proposals for landscaping and visual screening, taking into account comments received from the relevant authorities and the local community.
- The design principles for the Converter Station have also been refined and developed in discussion with relevant authorities to provide greater certainty

regarding final design. The final design of the Converter Station will be required to comply with the agreed design principles to be secured by the DCO. The refined design principles are contained within the submitted design and access statement. Approval for the final design will be sought following any grant of the DCO, which will be determined in consultation with the relevant authorities, including South Downs National Park Authority.

Cable Corridor:

- Near Denmead, the option to drill under most of Kings Pond Meadows has been selected, avoiding the need to install cables in Mill Road, Martin Avenue and thus avoiding the associated traffic impacts during construction. The cables will need to cross Anmore Road. This responds to feedback received from local planning authorities in relation to traffic disruption, as well as the views of other bodies such as Natural England.
- In northern Portsmouth, Farlington Avenue has been confirmed for the cable corridor, with flexibility included to use Eveleigh Road as an option for the lower part of the Avenue. This reflects discussions with Portsmouth Water and the progression of technical investigations.
- To lessen the impact on Eastern Road in Milton, the preferred route for the cable installation is through the corridor adjacent to the path which runs from north to south through Milton Common (adjacent to the coastal flood defences). However, due to the need for further ground investigations to assess the former landfill to

confirm the feasibility of the preferred route through Milton Common, two alternative routes are included which comprise some of Eastern Road, alongside the common (running either along Eastern Road or the western edge of Milton Common to Moorings Way or continue further south along Eastern Road to the junction with Eastern Avenue, where it would continue south-east along Eastern Avenue to Moorings Way). Use of Eastern Road south of Eastern Avenue has been ruled out.

- In Eastney, the final cable route will either utilise Furze Lane or land east of the University of Portsmouth Langstone campus. Cables will be installed by drilling beneath Milton allotments, and reaching the landfall at the car park on Fort Cumberland Road via Bransbury Park, Bransbury Road and Henderson Road. This route which was identified as the preferred option during the February – April 2019 consultation, avoids the disruption associated with installing cables in Milton Road, whilst also helping to minimise the impact on the University playing fields.

Landfall:

- The landfall location at Eastney (where the marine cables will be joined with the onshore cables) has been confirmed as the car park at Fort Cumberland Road. Works will take place in the car park for up to 66 weeks (not continuous), and options are being explored to keep parts of the car park operational during this time. Discussions are ongoing with the relevant authorities in this regard, and it is proposed that the car park will be left in an improved condition once the works are completed.

- The proposed location for the two buildings housing signal amplification equipment (Optical Regeneration Stations) associated with the fibre optic cables has been confirmed as being within the car park at Fort Cumberland Road.

Further detail on how community and stakeholder feedback has helped shape the final submitted proposal can be found in the Consultation Report submitted as part of the application, which can be viewed at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-000478-5.1%20Consultation%20Report.pdf>

Members of the public and other bodies will have the opportunity to register as an Interested Party with PINS between **2 January and 19 February 2020** by submitting their “relevant representation” on PINS Registration and Relevant Representation Form, which is available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/>

If you would like to request a paper copy of the PINS’ Registration and Relevant Representation Form, please telephone PINS on 0303 444 5000.

Completed forms should be returned to: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directive, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN. PINS’ reference number for the Application (EN020022) should be quoted in any correspondence.

PINS Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination (December 2016) provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation. It is available online at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Advice-note-8-2v3.pdf>

Please note that all relevant representations will be made available online after the close of registration, since the examination process is largely written.

More information regarding the acceptance, pre-examination and examination process in respect of an application for a DCO can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s Advice Note 8: Overview of the nationally significant infrastructure process for members of the public and others (December 2016) and the annexes to that advice note, which are available on the Planning Inspectorate’s website at <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>

All application documents are available in digital format online and at 10 deposit locations across Portsmouth, Havant, East Hampshire and Winchester between 2 January and 19 February 2020, further details of which are provided in this newsletter and available online at www.aquindconsultation.co.uk.

USBs containing the application documents can be obtained free of charge by emailing aquindconsultation@becg.com or calling 01962 893869.

BENEFITS OF AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR



A reliable electricity supply

AQUIND Interconnector will make a significant contribution to improving GB’s security of electricity supply and achieving greater affordability by improving competition, making the GB energy market more efficient and enabling greater energy flexibility.



Promoting energy market competition

Power through AQUIND Interconnector is projected to predominately flow from the lower priced French market to GB, with GB consumers likely to benefit from a lower electricity price.



Tapping into cleaner sources of energy

AQUIND Interconnector will help to integrate a greater proportion of non-fossil fuel energy sources and intermittent renewables generation into GB’s energy mix.



Investment in energy infrastructure

AQUIND Interconnector represents a significant investment in GB’s energy infrastructure.