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## **AQUIND Interconnector Consultation**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, AQUIND Limited ("AQUIND") recently undertook statutory consultation on its proposals to build and operate AQUIND Interconnector – a new marine and underground electricity transmission link between the south coast of England and Normandy in France.

The eight-week consultation began on Wednesday 27 February 2019 and concluded at midnight on Monday 29 April 2019. As part of the consultation, around 19,000 households and businesses in Portsmouth, Havant, East Hampshire and Winchester received a newsletter inviting them to attend a series of nine public exhibition events to view the proposals for AQUIND Interconnector, speak with members of the AQUIND project team and provide feedback.

A total of 155 responses to the consultation were received from members of the local community and AQUIND was pleased to discover that:

- 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.

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 Development Consent Order (DCO) application.

For your information, please find enclosed a community update newsletter which provides a summary of the statutory consultation, together with further details regarding next steps, which has been sent to all those that engaged in the consultation process, submitted feedback and/or registered to receive updates regarding the project.

Please also find enclosed a press release which provides further information on the statutory consultation and has been published on the project's dedicated consultation website at [www.aquindconsultation.co.uk](http://www.aquindconsultation.co.uk).

AQUIND remains committed to consulting with the local community and stakeholders regarding its proposals for AQUIND Interconnector. Given your role in the local community, if you would like to meet with the project team to discuss the proposals further, please contact us via the freephone information line on **01962 893869**, or via email at [aquindconsultation@becg.com](mailto:aquindconsultation@becg.com) and we will be happy to arrange a meeting.

If you have any questions at any stage, please do not hesitate to contact the project team via the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Wood".

**James Wood**

*For and on behalf of AQUIND Limited*