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Ground investigations works at [insert location] to inform cable route for AQUIND Interconnector

Dear Resident,

From Monday 6th August 2018 a programme of ground investigation (GI) works will commence at locations in Portsmouth in order to consider the potential for variations to the proposed underground cable route of AQUIND Interconnector - any proposed route would be subject to planning and agreement with the council and landowners.

As some of these works are taking place in your local area, we wanted to get in touch to provide you with more information and details of how you can contact AQUIND's community engagement team with any questions.

The full package of GI works is scheduled to begin on Monday 6th August 2018 and will take place on a rolling basis in Portsmouth over a period of 6 to 8 weeks. **However, work at individual locations will typically last for a maximum of two to three days and in many cases will be completed within a few hours only.**

As part of the programme of works, ground investigations will be taking place at [insert location]. These will involve...

- [Either:] ...boreholes which are a common method of ground investigation and involve drilling into the ground to collect underground samples for testing. A typical borehole usually takes between 2 to 3 days to complete, depending on depth and ground conditions. Drilling will only take place during working hours (8am to 6pm) and noise levels will not exceed safe legal limits.
- [or:] ...window samples which involve collecting underground samples and are usually used for shallow depth sampling. Window samples can be completed in just a few hours with little noise disturbance.

The precise timing of works at this location is dependent on the programme schedule and other variables.

The ground investigation locations have been specifically chosen to minimise any impact on residents, businesses and the highway network - AQUIND has been working closely with Portsmouth City Council to schedule the works accordingly. Affected landowners have been contacted in advance of the works taking place.

The purpose of the ground investigations is to consider the potential for variations to the proposed underground cable route of AQUIND Interconnector in order to minimise impacts on local residents, businesses and the highway network. This approach responds directly to the feedback received from AQUIND's Public Consultation Events held in January 2018.

If you have any questions relating to the planned works you can contact AQUIND's community engagement team via freephone on **01962 893869** or via email at **aquindconsultation@becg.com**.

Further information about AQUIND Interconnector is available at **www.aquindconsultation.co.uk**.

Yours faithfully,

The AQUIND Community Engagement Team

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