

# Agenda Item 12k

Council Meeting of: 13 October 2021

(C) R New/Bosher

## **AGENDA ITEM 12 (k) - Aquind decision - Potential for Judicial Review**

Amendment:

Third paragraph, delete everything between " A public petition by..." to the final sentence starting " The City Council..." and replace with "both Members of Parliament for Portsmouth North and South respectively has been presented to the House of Commons and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will shortly undertake the decision on the AQUIND interconnector scheme, with near to 10,000 signatures in total."

The full revised motion to therefore read:

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is due to make a decision on an application by Aquind for the development of an interconnector through Portsmouth by 21 October.

All parties on the City Council have opposed this application as have the two local members of Parliament and there has been a significant public campaign against the proposals.

A public petition by both Members of Parliament for Portsmouth North and South respectively has been presented to the House of Commons and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who will shortly undertake the decision on the AQUIND interconnector scheme, with near to 10,000 signatures in total. The City Council has presented a strong case to the Planning Inspector arguing for the rejection of this proposal.

While we hope the Secretary of State will reject this proposal he may not do so. In this case Council therefore urges the Cabinet to demonstrate the city's community leadership in this vital campaign by:

- instructing officers to undertake initial work now to lead the preparation for any judicial review
- setting aside the remaining allocated budget for legal advice and support to assist with any judicial review
- commit to pursuing further funding if necessary to support this action if it were to proceed with this.

Proposed by (Name) Councillor Robert New

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Seconded by (Name) Councillor Simon Boshier

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