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Dear Darren,

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project – AQUIND interconnector

Thank you for your letter dated 11 October 2021.

Since my last letter of 8 October 2021, I have decided to extend the statutory deadline for taking the decision on the application for development consent for the proposed AQUIND Interconnector by three months, from 21 October 2021 to 21 January 2022.

I have extended the deadline to ensure that there is sufficient time for me to consider all relevant and important matters ahead of taking the decision on the application.

Once the decision is taken, the reasons for my decision will be published alongside the Examining Authority's Recommendation Report on the AQUIND Interconnector project page on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website, which can be found using this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/>

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours ever,

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