

The reasons why I oppose the Aquind project are as follows:

1. I am dependent upon the Eastern Road for access from my home [REDACTED] to St. Mary's Hospital, Fratton and Southsea and am aware that at times traffic congestion can delay one by more than an hour. Consequently I am concerned that laying a new Aquind underground cable could cause months of disruption, and future maintenance of it could multiply this effect. Bus services, deliveries and commuting would all be diverted westwards resulting in immeasurable traffic problems on the other roads into Portsmouth.
2. There are designated wildlife conservation areas to the east of Portsmouth. Langstone Harbour and Farlington Marshes are sites where young and old are encouraged to enjoy open spaces and nature. The Aquind scheme would likely damage their ecological and physical value for the future.
3. There are already extensive new housing developments in the area between Drayton and Horndean resulting in increased traffic and road wear. The quality of life for residents would be adversely affected by installation of underground high voltage cables since the road surfaces would be further damaged.
4. Rather than underground cables there must be alternative routes for overhead power lines if this project is to go ahead. Another possibility would be to abandon these power cables from Europe and instead install extra solar energy and wind farm power supplies on land and sea.
5. The redundant Fawley Power ^{station} seems an ideal site for a power terminal to connect to the grid: it could probably accommodate heavier cables thus avoiding the need for Aquind from Eastney to Lovedean altogether.
6. I am not clear about the proven track record of the Aquind Energy firm and wonder if there are not hidden motives and financial incentives which could militate against this project being a successful undertaking.

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