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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to landfall siting
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My Ref: 20023255

Dear Inspectorate,

I wish to object to this proposal purely on the positioning of the Landfall site in the SE corner of the most densely populated (in excess of 150,000) Island in the UK. I feel the reasons given by Aquind to make this their preferred landfall siting need to be readdressed and reassessed as to its suitability.

Using Portsea Island as the primary landfall site will pose a myriad of problems especially as the route out of this Island City consists of densely populated residential areas and one of the three access routes onto Portsea Island. Many of the areas potentially chosen are old and relatively new landfill sites containing contaminated material (including asbestos) at Eastney peninsula, Milton Piece Allotments and Milton Common which will all contain a potential cocktail of dangerous materials set to be released to the open air in residential areas of high density and several local schools and colleges.

This project also plans to use the Eastern Road as a route away from the landfall site and this will cause immeasurable traffic chaos to the entire Island as this road is one of just three that access and egress Portsea Island and any restrictions on any of these routes causes massive disruption throughout Portsea Island resulting in gridlock in many areas and the pollution that brings.

Making Portsea Island the preferred landfall site has no logic (given the rural aspect of acres of land to the East of this City which wouldn't result in a longer route given the undersea cable is coming from that direction) and the decision to use this Island as the landfall site is astounding given the pollution it will cause and an alternative route needs to be found that will not open up contaminated land in the way that this route will.

Aquind dismissed adjacent rural Hayling Island (pop 17,000 +) and the grounds that there were difficulties in crossing Langstone Channel to the mainland yet the proposed route makes a much longer crossing of Langstone Harbour just 2ml to the West seemingly with no difficulty. Hayling Island is semi rural and also has a now defunct railway route (Hayling Billy Line) which travels South from Langstone Channel to a mile short of the seafront which could be utilised as a cable route, they also dismissed Langstone Harbour itself citing difficulties in cable laying but are happy enough to cross the Harbour for 0.65 ml at PortsCreek .

Aquind need to find another landfall site as they have chosen the most inappropriate location imaginable in this area of the South Coast giving little or no thought to the pollutants they will release on the health of those citizens who are unfortunate to live in the vicinity when they start to open up polluted ground and it is for those reasons I want the Inspectorate to refuse this part of the application.

Best Regards

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