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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to register my objections to the proposed Aquind Interconnector Cable.

My objections are twofold. Firstly the economic and moral issue of Russian involvement as suggested by "the Times" and secondly the partnership with France at this time of uncertainty with both COVID-19 and Brexit. Reliance on foreign organisations for power sources is, in my opinion, unwise to say the least. We already have such a reliance for gas supplies. Secondly on environmental grounds. The proposed route will cause significant disruption through numerous residential areas with the potential for damage to existing sub-surface services. It is well known that services plans, particularly for older services, are not particularly accurate and may not show up using indirect geophysical detection methods. As a resident of Milton I am particularly concerned about the environmental impact on my local area. As Portsmouth sits on an island with only three access roads onto and off the island laying such a cable in the vicinity of one of these arterial routes will cause major and significant disruption to personal and business lives. Similarly one potential route is across Milton Common and this would lead to disruption and harm to the natural environment which has been established in the area. This on top of the uncertainty regarding ground conditions since the area is a landfill site. When filled there were no checks as to the type of fill used so it may contain any number of harmful substances which would be released during excavation and reinstatement. Given that the proposed cable is to run under the channel the more logical route would have been through Langstone Harbour.

In short then, I object to the proposals based on the concerns given above.

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