From:

To: Aquind Interconnector

Subject: AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR OBJECTION

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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the proposed route across Eastney and Milton (Portsmouth) for the Aguind Interconnector power line.

The route poses a huge threat to the last remaining green corner of Portsea Island. The route through Bransbury Park and the allotments at the end of Locksway Road will be extremely disruptive and cause irreparable damage to wildlife, including a rare species of newt, and the surrounding green spaces.

The route along Furze Lane, Moorings Way and beyond will be disruptive to local residents, hindering the bus route which will lead to fewer journeys by public transport and increasing the number of cars on the road, which in turn will impact on the already poor air quality.

The attempts at consultation by Aquind have been shamefully inadequate, and I would argue in some cases non-existent. Their initial communication was invasive scaremongering, asking for personal information about property ownership. This has been particularly upsetting and worrying for many elderly residents in the area. One could argue that the information provided by Aquind has been deliberately confusing and misleading.

This matter has been poorly handled from the start, and by taking it out of the hands of our local council it feels like we are being used as pawns in a politically motivated game.

I implore you to review the proposed route and to conduct a more robust consultation with local residents and councillors in order for a less disruptive and damaging route to be implemented.

Yours,

Christopher Burrowes