

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Aquind Interconnect Cable in Milton
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Dear Sirs ,

I live at [REDACTED] and would like to lodge my objection to the proposed plans for the laying of the interconnect cable through Milton. My objection is based on a number of grounds:

1. I am concerned to learn that Milton allotments may be lost as a result of these plans. I rent a plot on the allotments and it is integral to my life and to being part of the local community. This open space allows me to enjoy some nature with the children and is an activity I undertake with all the family in the outdoors. To lose this amenity would be devastating. Having this outdoor space especially during lockdown was invaluable. It gave purpose and focus during a very difficult time. The allotments also provide a past time for much of the aged community, and I think above all else this area must be preserved for them. Furthermore, the allotments provide a safe haven for much wildlife, including some protected species. It is also important to note that the waiting list for these allotment plots is around 6 years now. Therefore, there is great demand for them and reducing access to them will only increase the waiting time for many people in our city.
2. I am concerned at the disruption to the Eastern Road as a result of this proposal. This road is already congested and the closest route out of town for residents in Milton without needing to cut across the city to exit via Southsea. If the Eastern Road cannot be used then this is going to cause more gridlock in an already overloaded city. The disruption and inconvenience this is going to cause far outweighs any benefits by this proposal.
3. Some of the cable is proposed to run down [REDACTED] with a connector on the corner of my block ([REDACTED]). I am concerned that the laying of this cable will jeopardise the structural integrity of my home. The land behind us was once a canal and so clay. To disturb the ground further with this cable is a massive concern as to the damage it may cause to the foundations of the houses on [REDACTED]. Furthermore, I am concerned that the connector/interchanger will adversely affect the appeal of houses on my block thus affecting market value. I have been given no assurance as to whether the connector/interchanger is damaging to health or the environment.
4. The proposed works undertaken are likely to increase environmental noise both atmospheric and transmitted through the ground. I am concerned that this disturbance will affect our mental health, especially as the site of the connector is so close to our home (less than 20 metres)

For the reasons stated above, I strongly oppose the proposed plans.

Kind regards,

Dr Jonathan Pool

