From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Re: Aquind Project
Date: 06 October 2020 23:30:41

Further to the below email I would like to confirm I am a Portsmouth resident, [redacted]

On Tue, 6 Oct 2020 at 23:25, Annie Kirby [redacted] wrote:

> Good evening
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> I am writing to express my objection to the Aquind project in the strongest possible terms, for the following reasons:
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> - There is great strength of feeling across the city against the Aquind project and broad cross-party political agreement that the Aquind project is not beneficial to Portsmouth but rather will cause significant disruption to Portsmouth residents in addition to creating an unnecessary environmental impact – both the Labour MP for Portsmouth South, the Conservative MP for Portsmouth North and the Liberal Democrat controlled city council object to the plans.
> - The disruption that will be caused is extensive, and not only to traffic but also to important local facilities such as football and cricket pitches and sailing clubs, and this will last for a sustained period, without any quantifiable benefits to the residents of Portsmouth.
> - The project will put Portsmouth's green spaces and natural environment at great risk, particularly by digging up areas close to Milton Common with risks to rare and protected species at a time when natural habitats are already under pressure due to climate change
> - The conduct of Aquind has been reprehensible throughout the procedure in a number of ways. For example, the threatening letters sent to residents on the subject of compulsory purchase caused a great deal of upset, particularly to elderly and vulnerable residents.
> - Additionally, Aquin has donated over £240,000 to the Conservative Party since 2018 and its controlling party has been granted an exemption to corporate transparency regulations, therefore enabling them to remain anonymous. It is not proper, when the Development Consent Order will be considered by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State, for substantial and murky donations of this kind to be made as it gives the appearance that the application may be dealt with more leniently than would otherwise be the case.
> - Finally, Aquind has made it extremely difficult for interested residents to access the relevant information via its website. Maps are difficult to read because they are too small, environmental reports are challenging to download because of their sheer size, the 'Community Newsletter' is similarly unhelpful.

Kind regards

Annie Kirby
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