From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: OBJECTION to Aquind proposed cable route through East Portsmouth
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Dear Sir/Madam
I strongly object to the proposals to construct the Aquind interconnector cable through hugely precious wildlife habitats and highly valued community spaces in Portsmouth.
I have only recently become aware of the plans and the extent of the damage and disruption which would occur if this project is permitted to proceed along the proposed route. The areas of Milton Common, Langstone Harbour, Eastney, and Farlington, provide essential habitats to endangered species and are invaluable areas of ecological biodiversity. When our natural green spaces are rapidly declining it is becoming increasingly urgent to protect them not only for the wildlife they support but for the health and wellbeing of Portsmouth residents. These areas are in urgent need of protection particularly in the face of the climate emergency, ecological collapse and the loss of biodiversity worldwide. This makes our local commitment to object to any plans to destroy these local 'lungs' and 'souls' of a city like ours, with it's illegal and dangerously high levels of air pollution, all the more vital.
The value of areas such as Milton Common and Farlington Marshes can not be quantified. They are valued, loved and significant on so many levels. It is absolutely imperative to preserve and protect them in their full integrity for both the people and the wildlife they support in innumerable ways. From endangered species to children's educational activities, walkers, runners, bird watchers, cyclists, nature lovers, ... they are as important for the physical and mental health of the human community as they are for the huge diversity of plants, fruits, herbs, trees, animals, birds and insect life that are dependent on them.
The Milton allotment site is also the heart of a community – a green site of peace, passion, and hard work by generations of families who tend and nurture the land there and which also encourages wildlife and promotes health in the city.
It's unacceptable to consider that that any of these sites along the proposed route of East Portsmouth will be subject to excavation and destruction of the sort intended by the planned Aquind cable, and it will be objected to and vigorously resisted every step of the way.
Yours sincerely
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(Portsmouth resident).
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