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Subject: Concerns about proposed plans for cable location

To the planning inspectorate:

As a resident of Portsmouth, and a local GP with concerns about the health of our already vulnerable population, I am extremely concerned about the New location of the proposed Acquind Interconnector intended to link the national power grids of the UK and France via an under sea cable laid across the English Channel. As the project is seen as NSIP (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project) we are being told this is a done deal coming down from central government, despite a previous plan having been in place to use the existing infrastructure of the channel tunnel.

The cable is due to make landfall in Eastney and Craneswater, travelling through Milton, up Eastern road, across Farlington Marshes and on to the sub station at Lovedean. The disruption to the city of Portsmouthwill be enormous. Swathes of land and roads in Eastney & Craneswater are to be dug up and disrupted, Milton allotments are to be bulldozed with no say for the owners, Eastern road will be dug up and huge areas of green space destroyed alongside the mud flats and marshes in the north of the City. Huge large areas of natural habitat will be disturbed and generations of wildlife, including rare bird species, marine life and other mammals lost, and the impact of loss of natural space will impact on the already poor air quality in the city, affecting the health of this and future generations.

Please could you register my profound unhappiness, and write to explain why this is being implemented with apparently minimal local consultation, and in breach of a previously agreed contract with Eurostar?

Yours,

Dr Catherine Lake