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To: Aquind Interconnector; [redacted]
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Subject: Further objection
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Dear Sir,

I have made previous objection to AQUIND's plans and I am disappointed that the Planning Inspectorate has decided to plough on with the public hearing despite the fact that no representations in person will be possible and the wider public will have to participate online, and only if they have access via the internet.

My initial objection to AQUIND's plans relates to the negative environmental impact of the route, ie the despoliation of common land, waterside havens and the effects on wildlife and human wellbeing this will cause; there will be huge disruption of major traffic routes forcing more traffic on to fewer roads with the resultant air pollution. In addition, it now appears that the route will run through allotments, despite assurances by AQUIND to the contrary, and cause significant disruption to a key public transport route.

Public awareness of AQUIND`s proposals has been low, despite the work of local groups to highlight them; this is understandable given that we are in the midst of a pandemic and people have had other more serious issues to deal with. However, AQUIND have not been transparent about their proposals and I feel that this should also be taken into account by the Planning Inspectorate.

At the Preliminary Meeting in September the Lead Inspector stressed that the hearing would be conducted in an 'inquisitorial' not an 'adversarial' manner; it seems to me that approach is best achieved if all parties are fully informed of the AQUIND interconnector route.

Yours faithfully,
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