From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Objection to interconnector infrastructure project
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Dear Inspector,
I write to object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land here in Portsmouth. I have used and amended template letters due to the extremely limited time available to respond. These templates also cover the main issues and reasons for my objection. I have edited where necessary.
I object to these plans for the following reasons:
1) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans.
Example: Milton allotments weren't part of the formal consultation with the public as an area that could be affected. In latest plans released by the company this area is now included. These allotments provide a lifeline to many in terms of physical and mental health improvement.
2) Lack of quality engagement with the public.
Example: There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for home owners details and house prices. Many others had no idea this was happening until days before today's deadline, myself included!

The people who stand to have their current quality of life reduced, make substantial financial losses and/or lose the last natural or green spaces in the city should not go through this without consultation and compensation.
3) Disruption to the city.
Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the country after London. There are 3 roads off and on to the island.
Example: The plans show that one of these roads (Eastern Road) would have lanes closed to traffic. These works would dramatically reduce the access to the city for a considerable period of time, causing huge delays backing up onto the M27 and A3.

This should not be passed through an all ready congested and struggling major city when there is ample open, limited occupation land nearby, and any option other than through a major city, allotments, wild life reserves , main entrance to city etc. must be considered first.

4) Environmental impact on the city.
Example: The loss of protected natural habitats cannot be compensated for and their destruction is not acceptable to this or following generations. The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments adding real misery and financial loss to residents. If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife due to increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the projects road works will be catastrophic.
I hope you will seriously consider these points I make. My concerns are shared by some local councillors and importantly our constituency Member of Parliament, [redacted], who agrees with my points and has been putting pressure on Government to think again about this national infrastructure project.
Thank you for your time,
Signed:
Eleanor Morgan
Portsmouth resident
Many Thanks