From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to the Aquind proposed development in Portsmouth
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To whom it may concern,

With regards to the planned Aquind Inter Connector Cable, information has now been brought to light that suggests that the previous promise from Aquind that the Milton Piece and Eastney Lake allotments would be untouched has now been broken.
There is a suggestion that the cable will no longer follow the path in the allotments but will now go through the allotment patches meaning that sheds, trees, wildlife and plant life will be demolished and destroyed to make way for this cable. In addition, the car park, onsite shop and toilets could also be impacted.
A number of the allotment plots have been tended to and nurtured for decades by the same families and every single allotment holder has taken significant time to establish the plants that they have grown there. Please also bear in mind that the allotment holders grown fresh fruit and veg which they often donate to the community to eat allowing healthy eating and a more varied diet.
Another point is that these allotments are vital towards people's mental health, especially in the times we face with limited contact with family and friends. It is an outlet for many people and is a comforting place to go to and enjoy. If you take that away from people, it will be extremely detrimental towards resident's wellbeing.

In addition, the extent of the disruption to be caused for a prolonged period of time due to the works along Eastern Road, one of only 3 roads on/off the island suggest that little thought has been given to seeking alternative routes that could create less destruction of wildlife habitats and green areas, less pollution due to queuing traffic as the city already becomes gridlocked whenever there is an incident in one of the 3 roads nor the disruption caused to the residents of Portsmouth with no tangible benefit to be gained By them in the long run.

I must therefore object to the proposed development.
Yours faithfully,
Ann Marie Deerin.