From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: NO TO AQUIND
Date: 04 October 2020 18:14:59

My name is James and I've had an allotment at Eastney and Milton allotments in Portsmouth for over 10 years, we've planted trees, a pond, hedges, raised beds, shed, greenhouse and spent a fortune over the years and so much work and effort to make it a lovely place for wildlife, the environment, healthy veg and fruit and now this could all be destroyed by AQUIND demolishing hundreds of sheds, greenhouses, trees, hedges, the allotment shop, the allotment toilet, everything to drill horizontally under the site, this is terrible and can't be allowed to happen, the environmental impact and the impact on so many hundreds of peoples lives would be devastating.
I FULLY 100% OBJECT TO AQUIND AND EVERYTHING THEY ARE DOING.

Signed

J Couling
Eastney and Milton allotment holder.

From: James Couling [redacted]
Sent: 04 October 2020 20:27
To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: NO TO AQUIND IN PORTSMOUTH

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 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.

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.

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.

4) Environmental impact on the city.

Example: The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. 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: James Couling