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To whom it may concern

I am writing to confirm that I object to the Aquind Interconnector plans. As I'm sure you're aware this affects all of Portsmouth and wildlife along the eastern shoreline. I'm also opposed to the scheme in general for the following reasons:

1) Lack of clarity and specificity from Aquind and overly-complicated/technical, ever-changing plans. I.e. Allotment plots weren't being affected and now this has been amended to they are at risk of being cleared with trees removed and sheds etc being knocked down. Consultation requires transparency and clarity, therefore I do not feel we can say that adequate meaningful consultation has taken place as yet.

2) There is already a heavy traffic burden in and out of Portsmouth, particularly on the Eastern Road. There should be extended consultation regarding how the impact on traffic would be managed in order to mitigate the risks associated with funnelling that traffic through extensive roadworks over a long period, and on local businesses in the area who are likely to lose custom due to residents avoiding the inevitable traffic queues.

3) We have very few green spaces in Portsmouth, and cutting through them would cause major disruption to the few natural areas we have. The affect on wildlife, including endangered and protected species could be catastrophic.

4) There are other route options that have less impact.

5) The Government has today announced plans to move to green energy within 10 years. We are also moving towards Brexit. The economic impact of Brexit and the current pandemic is not yet fully understood. It seems counterintuitive to make a move on this proposal in the current political and economic climate.

Thank you for your time.

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