From: Ellie Dooley [redacted]
Sent: 04 October 2020 20:09
To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Object to Aquind

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 in my area!

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. There has been no consultation with owners of these allotments such as my father, who this disruption will have a huge impact on.

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. No consultation with allotment owners .

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 would impact thousands of people.

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.

If these plans go ahead they will have a huge impact on the mental health of hundreds of people. Notably, the allotment owners many of which rely on their allotments for physical and mental health and social contact. My father is an allotment holder and I can not stress enough what a detrimental impact these plans would have on him.

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: Ellie Dooley

Many Thanks,
Ellie.