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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to Planning Application
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

ish to object to the plans on the following grounds:

1. The plan to dig up Milton allotments. We were originally informed this would be by HDD (horizontal direct drilling). Now we are told they will they dig up, lay and replace. This is not acceptable due to the damage to wildlife, flora and fauna that it will cause (including felling of trees).

2. 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

3. I am concerned about above-ground buildings at Eastney. Aquind are planning to have a compound at the junction of Fort Cumberland Road and Melville Road housing an "Optical regeneration station". This site will have buildings 3.72m high (about 12') and have a site footprint of 35m x 18m – quite significant close to the seafront – why does it have to be above ground and located there? Also there are 2 x diesel generators on this site, relatively close to housing, what about noise etc and visual impact in general?

4. Aquind plan to run up alongside the Eastern Road. At present the coastal defence scheme phase 4 is working on the section from Kendall's wharf down to Milton Common. How are they planning to work with this – the work is scheduled to continue for 3 years: could Aquind not minimise the disruption by working together with the coastal defence scheme.

5. More generally liaison and consultation with the PCC and residents is vitally important, so that things can be planned to minimise impact. There should be a formal arrangement for this so that contractors have to liaise about restrictions and arrangements can be agreed well before any changes can be imposed. Aquind should provide a liaison officer and also pay for a corresponding officer employed by the PCC to look after the residents and the city's interests.

6. Crucially the route should be kept away from built-up areas and on the island close to the shore but not right on it. Could the opportunity also be taken to include a cycle path on the route, which might be a useful alternative to the Eastern Rd route which in places can be congested with both cycles and pedestrians sharing?

Yours

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