From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to register my disapproval and opposition to the Aquind Interconnector proposals for Portsea Island (Portsmouth).

I add my voice to the many who have already expressed their concern and opposition, including both Members of Parliament for the City of Portsmouth, the City Council, the pressure group, Keep Milton Green and the Eastney and Milton Allotment Association.

I am aware that significant opposition to this project encompasses political and economic reasoning which I believe will be pursued in the Houses of Parliament.

As a long-standing resident of Portsmouth, I am only too aware of the issues and problems facing this maritime City. Second only to London in population density, Portsmouth is an island with significant difficulties in transport infrastructure and unacceptably high pollution levels. The City has been declared a 'climate emergency'.

Aquind's proposals would impose huge damage in the City. Traffic problems and disruption to everyday life would ensue given the unique road system of Portsea Island. Pollution levels and attendant health problems would result, exacerbating a current, unacceptable situation.

Aquind's original plans for Milton allotments promised no disruption, as stated at the public meeting earlier this year.

The revised plans threaten both the welfare of allotment holders and wildlife. Under these new proposals community allotments for disabled individuals would be damaged as would those of hard-working families who have invested time and finance over the seasons.

Milton is an important green area the City. It is home to a diversity of wildlife and migrant birds, parts of which are designated SSI. Research is underway to determine if Milton allotments are inhabited by the great crested newt, a protected species. Residents of Milton are understandably and rightly staunch defenders of the green status of this part of the Island.

Viewed holistically, the proposed route of the inter-connector and especially the revised section through Milton, takes no account of the problems and pressures faced by this unique City.

I urge Aquind to review their plans and consider alternative routes into the UK. Thorney Island and Hayling Island are two obvious alternatives which have much smaller populations than Portsmouth.
I look forward to receiving receipt of this objection.

Bill Chatband
Eastney and Milton Allotment Association Committee Member

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