From: keith904brown [redacted]
Sent: 04 October 2020 15:31
To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to aquind interconnector cable

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:

Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans.

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.

Lack of quality engagement with the public. I have not been able to attend one of these meetings only a poorly constructed presentation in the corner of a library.

There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for home owners details and house prices.

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.

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.

Environmental impact on the city The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton , Bransbury Park and Eastney Allotments. If this goes ahead the effect on our children and wildlife due to increase in pollution/traffic levels (which at the Present is high) of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the projects road works will be catastrophic.

Portsmouth is a small confined city the Milton/Eastney area has not the roads or the space to even be considered for a project of this size or environmental disruption.
I hope you will seriously consider these points I make. My concerns are shared by some local councilors 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,