From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: I object to aquinds new changed un reported or notified proposal
Date: 06 October 2020 00:15:29

Dear Inspector,

I object to aquind's new; changed, un reported, nor notified proposal.

I write to absolutely object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project to be brought to portsmouth.

this should not be passed through an all ready congested and struggling major city when there is ample open, limited occupation land near by, and any option other than through a major city, allotments, main entrance to city must be considered first. - no - please do not kill off portsmouth. we are struggling as it is..

i am horrified that i have only hear of this last minute. no time to respond.

I have only had minutes between the first time i saw a poster on saturday (3rd oct 2020) when arriving at my allotment, to current time, to digest, respond and act on this dilemma.

i have [redacted] and i really shouldn't be [redacted] on [redacted] like this. i have the allotment next to the area you want to dig and would close off any access to the plot as well as damage to the land.

today i spoke to [redacted], i believe ex milton piece allotment committee member; he said that as well as the bore holes you will pipe in 'slurry' to look for leaks…. erm. what is the content of slurry?

and is the slurs that you hope pops up showing leaks going to extensively or on any level render the allotment unusable?

in addition to it assumably ruining the land for the wild life reserves and allotments you are preposing to destroy.?

what authorisations have you had to impact our land this way?

what are you going to do to compensate us? i have spent thousands on building my plot as i just got it july 2020.

no unsaid about it being demolished or at risk of no access, or pollution or nuisance of this kind.

i am extremely distressed.

i cant imagine the depths that other feel especially disabled, elderly, special needs, low income, 2nd language plot holders, and just everyone that has invested huge amounts of time and money on developing their allotments some more than 30 years, just for you to brush it away like nothing for some money game.

politics do not belong here. nor do aquind.

why have we not been informed of this?

Being given a deadline of 6th of October when the first i have heard of it was saturday 3rd , is not acceptable. and that was only by chance. extra stress when someone said actually tonight - 5th.

as an allotment holder on the main lane in to milton piece which is clear early denoted to be on your (new unreported) route, i have NOT been informed of this development, nor of any deadline to object, nor how to object.

i am incredibly distressed by having to try to research comprehend this insanity in literally a couple of days; whilst battling my own [redacted] …. not happy.

and i have also to support the rest of the allotment holders - especially others with disabilities, elderly and those who don't have english as their first language and totally baffled how to deal with you wrecking their life., and all of our mental and physical wellbeing.

an allotment is their only reprieve and sanitary.

you are not just destroying the wild life's environment, you are destroying all of portsmouth.

therefore:

[redacted]

I hereby confirm and declare that

I OBJECT AQUINDs plans for portsmouth.

i dont have energy or time to object so you get the raw data: this content is my statement here forth:

National Infrastructure Planning

https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/?ipcsection=overview

"previously submitted". erm. no. changed!!

Screen shot of the first part of the timeline for AQUIND Interconnector by AQUIND Limited The Applicant has submitted low resolution versions of documents that have previously been submitted. '

'These have been accepted by the Examining Authority as Additional Submissions. The

documents have been added to the Examination Library (PDF, 622 KB), and can be found beneath the original documents. For example, Land Plans (APP-008) now has the low resolution version with the reference number (APP-008(a)) beneath. The full list of low resolution documents can be found in the cover letter (PDF, 145 KB), which is Examination Library reference AS-046" "22 September 2020"

they did not give us time to respond. so now we can fight this head on.

i cant believe it is legal for AQUIND to give a deadline of tonight and not inform the people affected by this.

I really need a solicitor to head up this investigation, [redacted] and we need someone to step up and deal with this city wide catastrophe.

[redacted]

i am going to go with the notion that it cannot possibly be legal to make such a deadline to complainants who have not been told of the issue until literally -- last minute

:-(shock horror isn't that the way humans are just now. but no, it is not the way of the world and we need to tune in and protect our world. dont kill world. help one grain of sand at a time to protect it. .

i only found out on saturday due to gates of allotment signs.

I as an allotment holder at milton piece allotment and resident of portsmouth have had no notification or right to object to this city wide plan.

unacceptable.

the allotment i have at milton piece which they have just added to their aquind plans for development is a unique diverse wildlife habitat with newts (protected) slow worms, reptiles and amphibians, hedgehogs, birds common lizards, and snakes.
I make my sighting records at https://www.recordpool.org.uk/
for those with allotments please try and take photos of your newts etc to send to aquind and record sitings every time on record pool.:
read here for info on recording sightings of reptiles and amphibians

if anyone can help me get some facts together to protect this wildlife, to put my objection letter to aquind written that would be great
I want to find out were to check on newt records being officially recorded. not just for tomorrow but over the past years. I will try and find out what the local record centre is. Final Straw [redacted] said "Looks like it would go through one of the Hampshire Wildlife Trust sites too at Milton - they would also be a great source of info for you x [redacted]
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They can basically destroy any habitat as long as they have a licence from natural England. They have to have ecologists come in and even if they're are protected species they can just 'mitigate' the habitat loss (which obviously doesn't replace the amazing ecosystems already in place)

this zoom in on the plan (red lines) is where they plan to dig up to run high voltage cables - over play areas, nature reserve and allotments - my plot is by the milton piece shop and the main lane through the allotments which the red line mark as a dig area - basically the allotment wouldn't be accessible to anyone.

No photo description available.

[redacted]

AQUIND Limited AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR Access and Rights of Way Plans

OBJECTIONS CLOSING TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER

Aquind plans to tear a line for their interconnector cable from Eastney right the way up through the island, up the Eastern Road and over the hill.

Email objections to: aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The government have allowed the planning inspectorate to take this out of Portsmouth City Council's hands.

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i will not let this happen, but if it does i will personally sue aquind and take action against council and government including full compensation for the thousand and i have spent since july setting up my allotment structures and 6 tonnes of new soil etc.

A (stinky) Quind be blowing ... https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/.../portsmouth-residents...

Make your rejection known.

Also I must note that I live close to a sub station that is a fraction of the size of this plan and the noise and energy coming from it isn't good- can't imagine living right next to it so one the size Aquind is proposing shouldn't be anywhere near residents.
Plus Neuts are protected. And the slow worm, lizard snake population of the area will be decimated.
Can't be allowed

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https://www.inbrief.co.uk/neighbour-disputes/allotments/
Compensation
In certain circumstances, an allotment holder is entitled to compensation under AA 1922, where his tenancy is terminated.
Sale of allotments
Under AA 1925, a local authority cannot sell, use or otherwise dispose of land which it acquired for use as allotments without first obtaining the consent of the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. The Secretary of State can only give such consent if s/he is satisfied that adequate provision will be made for allotment holders displaced or that such provision is not necessary or reasonably practicable.

I make my sighting records at https://www.recordpool.org.uk/

So far i have loads of slow worms, frogs, common lizards, toad, neighbour plots have newts in their wildlife ponds, snakes etc. so looking forward to hosting some too! :-)

For every sighting you have please record on https://www.recordpool.org.uk/ :-)

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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.
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.
4) Environmental impact on the city.
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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: YOUR NAME
Many Thanks,

other objections by others that echo my complaints -

i submit these as my own objection to aquinas plans [redacted] and cant

meet your deadline to edit and create my own statement in time. there are many more novel reasons why this cannot happen on this island. but it will literally kill me to spell it out to you.:
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From: Duncan Allan [redacted]
Date: 5 October 2020 at 11:57:24 BST
To: aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Subject: Aquind Objection letter

Dear Inspector,
I write objecting most vehemently to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land here in Portsmouth. There are several objections that I object and the following main reasons are:
1) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans.
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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. Clearly an impact study was made and has not been fully disclosed in respect of how this materially affected residents both practically and financially. Indeed, there is no consideration for the additional hardship and significant financial loss residents of Portsmouth will suffer through this project compounded by the pandemic together with uncertainty of a post Brexit future.
3) Disruption to the city.
Portsmouth ***is*** the second most densely populated city in the country after London with only 3 roads off and on to the island. At the best of times this leads to slow or deadlocked traffic, not just at peak times. Even the modest of maintenance works creates substantial knock on effects. The last major works was providing increase power cabling to the dockyard that created such

problems.
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It is anticipated you will seriously consider these points I make.
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I hope you will seriously consider these points I make [redacted]

Thank you for your time,

Signed: YOUR NAME

Many Thanks,

Portsmouth Labour Party

[redacted]

Dear Penny,
I'm asking you to look at the recent additions 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 they are at risk of being cleared with trees removed and sheds etc being knocked down. It seems that they are being intentionally vague so they do what they like. We are not legally trained and it is difficult to understand what is going to happen.
2) If this goes ahead the affect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing may be catastrophic. There are many protected species in the propose route area including newts, slow worms and hedgehogs.
3) During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), we should not remove or disrupt green spaces and places where people can meet up. It is further a terrible idea to disrupt green spaces in an already over-developed city.
4) There are other route options that have less impact.

5) This feels like a case of a big corporation bullying local people.
Thank you for your time

Sir - I write to lodge my objection to the proposed route across Eastney/Milton for the Aquind Connector power line.
The route poses a huge threat to the last remaining green corner of Portsea Island. The route through Bransbury Park and the allotments will be disruptive and cause irreparable damage to wildlife and green space. I understand that there are rare newts living at the allotments which could be lost for ever should their habitat be disturbed by this plan.
The route along Furze Lane, Moorings Way and beyond will be disruptive to local residents, hindering the bus route which will lead to fewer journeys by public transport and increasing the number of cars on the road which in turn will impact on the already poor air quality.
Given the amount of work that has recently been undertaken along the foreshore, wouldn't the solution have been to include laying the cable at that point?
The attempts at consultation by Aquind have been shamefully inadequate. Their initial communication was invasive scaremongering, asking for personal information about property ownership. This has been particularly upsetting and worrying for my elderly neighbours. The information provided by Aquind has been deliberately (in my opinion) confusing and misleading.
This matter has been poorly handled from the start, and by taking it out of the hands of our local council it feels like we are being used as pawns in a politically motivated game.
This route needs to be independently reviewed along with the names behind the project.

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I've sent in my objection. It's not as comprehensive or eloquent as some of those already shared here, but if anyone wants to use this as a template to get their own objection in, then please do so .....
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Milton allotment What' s up group———
With everything else being banned one of the few havens for residents is the allotment . If the city genuinely cares for our mental health this must be axed now.

The major argument is why is the most densely populated Island on the South Coast been picked as the landfall site when to the East of us there are plenty of sparsely populated areas to choose from.

I thought allotments had special protection? If they are destroyed, the council has to provide another one to the plot holder.

[redacted]
I just fail to see how a £1.2bn privately financed project, by a three questionable director company with zero capital or assets (they're already £1m in the red from starting) is going to add any value to the local or even UK economy. To recover all the debt that will be laid up against this build, coupled with the fact it doesn't generate anything it can only generate a cost per use and that is added to electricity in either direction making it uncompetitive (if selling surplus wind-generated power to Europe) or add a few pence to every KW purchased from France. PFI's are usually a bad idea for this reason. This one just seems bonkers. Add to that the only way this team of three directors can secure their investors cash is to make donations to Tory party to secure the necessary planning rights they need.
Think if this like a toll bridge. These individuals are borrowing money and buying ministerial favour to build a future cash generator. Average person will benefit nothing from it.
PULL TOGETHER, AND TELL THESE INDIVIDUALS THEY'RE NOT PULLING YOUR CITY APART FOR THEIR AND THEIR INVESTORS POCKETS.
The environmental issue is an argument that's nice but not going to work. It can be routed without much impact to an already unenvironmently friendly bunch of roads. We risk being defeated on that argument.
The disruption to city residents and blatant lack of value to anyone other than the investors should be sound enough reason to get it stopped or get some benefits to consumers in uk drafted into planning conditions.

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The Aquind proposal will affect more than the allotments, they want to dig a pipeline all the way up the east coast of the city - along the Eastern Road. The whole city could grind to a halt! Imagine the resulting air pollution!

[redacted]
/Mick Johnson. It's no point in having a go at the Council, the Government has given this Project a National Importance status which doesn't need local planning. PCC is against this as much as anybody else and have made their case but that is as much as they can do. The major argument is why is the most densely populated Island on the South Coast been picked as the landfall site when to the East of us there are plenty of sparsely populated areas to choose from. This Company has to be made aware that we will not lie down and let them bulldoze their way through our City.

[redacted]
This is an outrageous idea along with the changes to the Clean Air Zone. What happened to the climate emergency that was declared?

[redacted]
With everything else being banned one of the few havens for residents is the allotment . If the city genuinely cares for our mental health this must be axed now.

[redacted]
This needs challenging, the green space we have is vital for the environment and the health of city residents (mental and physical).

[redacted]
Portsmouth city council might object to this project taking because of the pollution .
[redacted]
Unfortunately the council, I believe, has lodged lots of complaints but it is a government matter. Especially as the company has donated over £200k to the Tories.