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Subject: Objection to planned Aquind Connector
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Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to state my objections to the current plans for Aquind to land their cables in Eastney, Portsmouth and then to run these up the entire length of Portsea Island - the most densely populated city in the UK.

The plans show the cables going through some very well-used green areas, such as Bransbury Park, the Milton Allotments and Milton Common - which quite frankly is unacceptable to expect the public to lose these amenities, especially in these covid times and with the city battling against poor air quality. It also seems that Aquind have failed to acknowledge that a lot of that land in Eastney and Milton is built upon old historic dumping grounds for extremely toxic military waste, potentially releasing this into the surrounding soil and water networks once disturbed.

The knock on effect to the road network in Portsmouth will be intolerable, especially once the cables reach the Eastern Road and then its bridge - one of only three roads into the Portsea Island. And of course, once the cable reaches the bridge, the cable will then be laid across Langstone Harbour to reach the mainland. This natural Harbour is a protected site of special scientific interest (as is the Eastney landing ground) with protected flora and fauna.

In short, choosing Portsea Island as the landing point for the cables and then running these up the Island to then cross to the mainland, is quite frankly a ridiculous idea and should be rejected.

Thank you

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