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To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Aquind Project

Dear Inspector,

I am writing 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:

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

Example: Milton allotments weren't part of the formal consultation with the public as an area that could be affected. In the latest plans released by the company this area is now included and they are at risk of being cleared with trees removed and sheds, etc, being knocked down. This is not acceptable, these allotments have been nurtured for many years by Portsmouth residents and are an essential part of their lives. How do we know what else will change from the formal consultation and be trampled over without proper consultation?

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 or notices posted so physically low that people did not / could not read them.

3) Disruption to the city and potential danger to life

Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the country after London and it is an ISLAND with only 3 roads off and on to it. The only accident and emergency hospital department in located on the mainland.

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. Not only would this have costs in terms of pollution, time and money but could potentially put lives at risk due to delays getting people to Queen Alexandra Hospital in emergency situations as not A&E on Portsea Island.

4) Environmental impact on the city.

Example: The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife due to increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the projects road works will be catastrophic.

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,

Jane Gallagher