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Subject: Objection to Aquind Interconnector project
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Dear Sirs

I strongly object to the proposed electrical cable interconnector project.

Firstly, the way the plans have been communicated has been extremely poor – in the first instance letters were sent to residents requesting or asking for confirmation of personal information. This was done in such a way that the letter felt as though it was a scam; it came out of the blue and there had been no previous information about the project that I was aware of, and on enquiring with Portsmouth City Council at the time, they knew nothing about the project or letters being sent to potentially affected residents and businesses either! This was unacceptable and this approach immediately showed that Aquind are quite arrogant.

A subsequent consultation in the local library was no more than a sales pitch, with enthusiastic consultants telling us it will all be fine and of much benefit to the UK, but this was unconvincing as no specifics have been forthcoming in this regard.

I registered for updates from Aquind, and asked to be invited to the consultations they had planned. Whilst I fully understand that Covid put paid to the face to face meetings, I was sent a questionnaire asking whether I was able to use a computer and video conferencing, which I confirmed I could, but I have never been invited to attend any meetings, but now understand some have taken place without my knowledge.

The proposed route for the cable at the point it reaches the UK is far from suitable. For starters, some of the costal path has only just been re-layed and landscaped (with further works being carried out currently as part of the costal protection scheme) and Aquind propose to completely dig this up in exactly the same place again. Of course, the wildlife disruption will be immense along this area, and that is simply unacceptable.

Relying on another country for electricity supply whilst we approach Brexit is unsettling and inappropriate. In addition we now have a government pledge for significant investment into offshore wind energy, which will significantly reduce the need for electricity from other sources and certainly from other countries, as well as providing significant employment opportunities.

I do not want this project to go ahead; the project is not essential, provides no tangible benefits either locally or nationally, whilst creating significant cost and unnecessary disruption.

Yours faithfully

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