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Dear Planning Inspectorate

I'm writing to you about the planned route (through Milton Allotments), of the Aquind Inter-connector. I understand that the council is opposing the plans and route but also that the decision will come from central government so I am writng to object to the planning application.
The issues as I see them are:
1) Lack of clarity and specificity from Aquind and overly-complicated and technical, 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 can do what they like.
2) If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing of Milton residents could be catastrophic.
3) During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), it is a terrible idea to invade one of the few green spaces and places people are allowed to safely meet. It is a terrible idea to remove green spaces in an already over-developed city anyway.
4) It is morally bankrupt to impact on so many people's lives (many elderly or with disabilities) in this way.

There is a real strength of feeling among allotment holders and residents in the Milton area. I know that Portsmouth City Council opposes the plan. As they know the area and the needs of residents much better than people sitting in Whitehall please listen to them and the residents of Milton and refuse the Aquind Inter-Connector planning application.

kind regards
Denise Blackwell