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Subject: Objection to Aquino Interconnector Cable - Portsmouth sections 7-10
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To whom it may concern

I wish my objection to this planning application be known for the following reasons:

Portsmouth is a tiny island connected to the mainland by three man made roads
1. The M275 branching into Portsmouth across an expanse of sea from the M27.
2. The main Portsmouth to London Road known as the A3, which is accessed via the roundabout from Cosham on the mainland to the Island of Portsmouth.
3. The Eastern Road known as the A2030

As a retired Police Officer who worked in the Portsmouth area for years I know how a project of this size would effect movement of traffic within the city and the financial implications of trying to police this problem and various other complications affecting the ease with which the emergency services could work in an impossible situation that would undoubtedly occur. The nearest A and E hospital is the QUeen Alexander Hospital on the mainland in Cosham and delays getting through clogged up roads could lead to loss of life, do you need that on your conscience. You really need to be a part of the community to understand the implications of such work being forced upon the city.

The volume of traffic into Portsmouth on all three roads is extensive even during off peak periods. As a result Portsmouth which results in one of the highest volume of air pollution in the Country; especially on the main London Road running through North End and Fratton to Southsea at the southern end of the island. If any of these roads are blocked for whatever reason Portsmouth basically comes to a stand still forcing all traffic to move to the only alternatives to get in and out of the area thus pushing up pollution to an even greater level than it already is. This really is a dangerous and potentially life threatening venture that you plan to bring to our city while to it could potentially take years years to dig up half of the Eastern side of Portsmouth destroying recreational and residential lands where the people of that area reside. These people will be forced to struggle while your workman and their transport take up vital parking spaces in major residential areas where parking already is overloaded due to the number of people living on the island. Portsmouth is already overburdened with residential housing and a severe lack of parking and you will undoubtedly make their lives a living nightmare. The recent lockdown for the Coronavirus Earlier this year showed how great the problem had become as people thoughtful the city fought to find parking spots.

As I have already said Portsmouth is an island surrounded by the sea. You plan to use the sea to take your cable to France then use the sea surrounding Portsmouth to place your cable it should be easy enough to work out how to do this without destroying our small island.

I implore you to look more closely at what you are currently considering to do in this area and ask that thought be given to the lives and homes of the people in Portsmouth when you push to force this project through.

I have copied a copy of my email to the Portsmouth CC for their information and use as I will be unable to make any open meetings[redacted].

Mrs Alison Woodland
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