From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to the Aquind Interconnector Infrastructure Project
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Dear Inspector,

I write 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.

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.

2) Lack of quality engagement with the public.

There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for homeowners' details and house prices. This is wholly inappropriate and has caused obvious concern and distress.

Those without access to (and experience with) online services will also have found it incredibly hard to get involved with the conversation, which in itself is discriminatory.

3) Disruption to the city.

Portsmouth is the second-most densely populated city in the country after London. There are 3 roads off and on to the island.

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.

Also, the number 13 bus route (and presumably others) will be affected, cutting Milton Common area residents off from the rest of the city, which will have a dramatic impact on their wellbeing and access to essential supplies/amenities.

4) Environmental impact on the city.

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 the increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area, due to disruption caused by the project's 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 [redacted] who agrees with my points and has been putting pressure on the Government to think again about

this national infrastructure project.

Thank you for your time,

Signed:
Coral Zawadzki
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