From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to Aquind plans in Portsmouth
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm emailing to strongly object to Aquind's plans in Portsmouth for the following reasons:

1) Lack of clarity and specificity from Aquind and overly-complicated/technical, ever-changing plans. i.e. Initially the 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 do what they like. We are not legally trained and it is difficult to understand what is happening to us as residents.

2) If the plans go ahead the effect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing may be catastrophic.

3) During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), it is a terrible idea to destroy one of the few green spaces and places where people are allowed to safely meet. It is further a terrible idea to remove green spaces in an already over-developed city.

4) It is morally bankrupt to impact on so many people's lives (many elderly or with disabilities) in this way. I'm afraid it's a case of a big corporation bullying allotment holders and our community.

5) There are other route options that have less impact, although it might cost Aquind more - our community, green spaces and city doesn't deserve this though.

6) The potential removal of the community allotment which falls in the purple zone is completely unacceptable given that (already disadvantaged), sections of the community depend on it for independent living skills, respite support and personal development.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

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