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To Whom it May Concern

With regards to the planned InterConnector cable information has now come to light which suggests the previous promise from Aquind that the allotments at Eastney Lake & Milton Piece would be untouched could now be broken.

There is a suggestion the cable will no longer follow the path in the allotments but will go through the allotment patches meaning that sheds, trees, wildlife and plant life will be demolished and destroyed to make way for this cable. In addition, car parks, shops and toilets could be impacted.

A number of allotment plots have been tended to and nurtured for decades by the same families and every single allotment holder has taken significant time to establish plants. Some of these are low income families so to replace anything could be outside budget. Trees cannot be uprooted and replanted easily. Removing a tree and replacing with a sapling could take years to bear the same levels of crops. It could also mean low income families unable to grow the food they need during the year.

Some allotment holders grow fruit and veg and donate that to the wider community to allow healthy eating and a more varied diet.

Allotments are vital to many peoples mental health, especially in the current times. Taking that away could be incredibly detrimental to their wellbeing.

This seems completely absurd as there is no reason the cable couldn’t run along the foreshore or the paths as first indicated.

I must therefore object tot he proposed development

Yours faithfully

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Allotment holder