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To: Aquind Interconnector
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Sir - I write to lodge my objection to the proposed route across Eastney/Milton for the Aquind Connector power line.

The route poses a huge threat to the last remaining green corner of Portsea Island. The route through Bransbury Park and the allotments will be disruptive and cause irreparable damage to wildlife and green space. I understand that there are rare newts living at the allotments which could be lost for ever should their habitat be disturbed by this plan.

The route along Furze Lane, Moorings Way and beyond will be disruptive to local residents, hindering the bus route which will lead to fewer journeys by public transport and increasing the number of cars on the road which in turn will impact on the already poor air quality.

Given the amount of work that has recently been undertaken along the foreshore, wouldn't the solution have been to include laying the cable at that point?

The attempts at consultation by Aquind have been shamefully inadequate. Their initial communication was invasive scaremongering, asking for personal information about property ownership. This has been particularly upsetting and worrying for my elderly neighbours. The information provided by Aquind has been deliberately (in my opinion) confusing and misleading.

This matter has been poorly handled from the start, and by taking it out of the hands of our local council it feels like we are being used as pawns in a politically motivated game.

This route needs to be independently reviewed along with the names behind the project.