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To: Aquind Interconnector
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Hello,

Please can someone explain why laying cables from France to Portsmouth will benefit the country?

Today our PM announced plans for every household to be supplied by Green energy. Surely this makes any plans for a cable from France (or indeed anywhere!) completely redundant.

I worked for SSE and have seen first hand the huge investments made in renewable energy over the years - just look at the huge windfarm off the East Anglia coast!

I read that one reason for this plan was to make the energy market more competitive. But it's too late! Not only have OFGEM taken huge strides in making the energy industry fairer and more competitive, but at customer level people can switch supplier at the click of a button. Five years ago switching supplier took weeks. Now it takes days. And with more and more UK based energy companies starting up, do we need this cable to make things more competitive?

The environmental impact on Portsmouth will be catastrophic. Traffic on this small island is bad already. With more lorries coming in to Portsmouth Post Brexit traffic will be terrible. If the Aquind plans go ahead it will be abysmal. The fumes will lead to health problems, and the ongoing stress will lead to all manner of mental health issues for many residents.

We must also consider the impact on our wildlife. Who are Aquind to think they can just dig up Portsmouth and destroy a large portion of natural habitat? We have beautiful areas that people love to visit and these area will be wiped out.

This plan is not needed. I suspect someone will be made very rich from it, but is that worth destroying a city?

Please consider the dire effects this proposal will have if it goes ahead. Traffic, environmental, physical and mental wellbeing, wildlife, destruction of natural habitats.

Portsmouth will become a shell of it's former self and for what? A cable that providing energy that no one needs.

Please stop this in it's tracks, and thank you for reading this.

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Sent from my Huawei phone