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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to the AQUIND inter connector
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to put forward my objections concerning the proposed plans for the laying of pipes in Portsmouth by Aquind. The route selected on the plans are invasive on many fronts.

1) Significant and prolonged disruption to residents.
2) Air quality will be affected
3) The destruction of a number of areas which have protected wildlife status
4) Structures demolished
5) Heavy machinery undermining old brick structures.
6) Portsmouth is an island with just three roads in and out, one of these being the Eastern Road where these plans will have a huge impact. Affecting not only local residents but also people who come into the city for work, leisure and tourism, not to mention businesses who use the route. If one of the main arterial roads is closed for the work to be carried out it will cause gridlock in the city.

We have few Green Spaces here in Portsmouth that support our wildlife, three of which will be affected are Milton Green, Milton Allotments, and the sea walk commonly known as The Three Lakes. All support a healthy range of wildlife that we are so lucky to have. Species of Newts, one in particular that is protected. Slow worms, toads, frogs, hawks and swans to name a few. It is vital to protect and balance our wildlife both on land and sea. Oysters for example, will die if silt beds are disturbed, mudbanks also hold many molluscs that will face decline if these plans go ahead.

What in the bigger scheme of this is the most important? The promise of cheaper electricity or the preservation of our wildlife? Once these areas are destroyed they will never recover. What do we leave for future generations if we do not protect that which keeps the balance of nature?

Yours faithfully

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