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To: Aquind Interconnector
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Dear Sir

I want to object in the strongest possible terms about the Aquind plans for the following reasons:

1) Lack of clarity and specificity from Aquind and overly-complicated/technical, ever-changing plans. i.e. 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. This is not proportionate to consultation with residents and being imposed on residents.

2) If this goes 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 an ill thought out idea to invade one of the few green spaces and places where people are allowed to safely meet. It is further not acceptable to remove green spaces in an already over-developed city. It is also against the Local Plan for the authority where green areas are protected.

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 even though they might affect profit but utilise the landscaper and have less impact. Aquind have not even given these much consideration.

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.

Overall the Aquind application is ill thought out and considerations of residents have been an afterthought. The company have never explained the benefits and I am dubious that there are any only to take an easy route.

I hope you take due consideration to the many concerns that have been raised and alter the course of this planning application.

Regards

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