From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: ENO20022 application Aquind Portsmouth
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Dear Sir / Madam,

My husband and I want to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the above Aquind project 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. We are not legally trained and it is difficult to understand what is happening to us.
I consider myself an informed person, interested in local issues, politics in general and especially geopolitics. I did not have a clue this was happening until it was raised quite recently.

2) If this goes ahead the affect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area may be catastrophic, not forgetting the consequent affect on people's physical and mental well-being.

3) During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), it is a terrible idea to invade one of the few green spaces and places where people are allowed to safely meet. It is further a obscene idea to remove green spaces in an already over-developed city.
We are Milton residents and during the restrictions over the spring and summer our usual walks with our dog along the Langstone harbour foreshore past the Thatched House pub and along Milton Common (or alternatively along the foreshore which runs alongside Ferry Road reaching the Eastney seafront) provided a much needed respite in those (and indeed these) difficult times . These walks, as well as the open area that Bransbury park provides, are essential outdoor spaces in our local community.

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! Why choose Portsmouth when there are surely other options that don't affect an already densely populated and busy community?!

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.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Heather & António Meachem de Brito