From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind Objection letter
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Dear Inspector,

I write objecting most vehemently to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land here in Portsmouth.

There are several objections that I object and the following main reasons are:

1) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans.

Example: Milton allotments ***weren't*** part of the formal consultation with the public as an area that could be affected. However, in latest plans released by the company this area ***is*** now included.

2) Lack of quality engagement with the public.

Example: There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for home owners details and house prices. Clearly an impact study was made and has not been fully disclosed in respect of how this materially affected residents both practically and financially.
Indeed, there is no consideration for the additional hardship and significant financial loss residents of Portsmouth will suffer through this project compounded by the pandemic together with uncertainty of a post Brexit future.

3) Disruption to the city.

Portsmouth ***is*** the second most densely populated city in the country after London with only 3 roads off and on to the island. At the best of times this leads to slow or deadlocked traffic, not just at peak times. Even the modest of maintenance works creates substantial knock on effects. The last major works was providing increase power cabling to the dockyard that created such problems.

Example: The plans show that one of these roads (Eastern Road) would have lanes closed to traffic. These works would dramatically reduce the access to the city for a considerable period of time, causing huge delays backing up onto the M27 and A3.

4) Environmental impact on the city.

Example: The plans cavalierly go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton Common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife due to increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the projects road works will be catastrophic. In addition the same pollution being of serious health issues to the immediate surrounding are to the residents, of which there are many children.

It is anticipated you will seriously consider these points I make. My concerns are shared by some local councillors and, importantly our constituency Member of Parliament, [redacted], who agrees with my points and has been putting pressure on Government to think again about this national infrastructure project.

Thank you for your time,

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