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I wish to place on record my objection to the proposed Aquind interconnector purple route that will go through the Eastney Lake allotments at Locksway Road in Portsmouth. As a co-worker with a plot at Eastney Lakes allotments I am concerned that the on site works necessary to accommodate the Aquind interconnector electricity cable will wreak destruction on this unique environmental wildlife habitat. The extensive allotment site is home to a diverse wildlife habitat ranging from foxes, frogs and birds. The allotment provides an important habitat for bees which thrive on the borage and sunflowers grown on site. The allotments are home to a unique collection of ferns and a wide range of plum, apple and pear fruit trees.
Allotment tenants and co-workers have invested significant amounts of money of purchasing glass greenhouses and timber sheds and purchasing fruit trees and plants which presumably will be bulldozed.

Given the rapid expansion of solar energy, waste to energy plants and wind turbine energy producing infrastructure being rolled out across the UK on land and in UK territorial waters it renders this Aquind interconnector project as being obsolete.

The allotment is home to some historic World War 2 corrugated iron Anderson shelters which presumably be crushed by bulldozers.

It is extremely disappointing that a Russian owned company is being allowed to undertake earthworks that will destroy the Eastney Lake allotments.

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