From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to the Aquind Connector Cable at Portsmouth
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to notify you in the strongest terms my complete opposition to the proposed Aquind Connector Cable at Portsmouth.

There cannot be an accurate assessment of the damage to the Marine & Natural environment such a scheme would wreak. I would hope on these grounds alone the government while stating its backing to a green economy would err to the cautionary and refuse this scheme. There are currently four existing interconnectors. Operational from 1986, IFA 1 is a high voltage direct current (HVDC) connection between Folkestone and Calais with a 2GW capacity.

There is also a joint project of the National Grid and RTE in France. IFA 2, connecting Southampton to Caen is under construction. That makes five, do we really need a sixth connector ? it all sounds too much like corporate greed masquerading under "Energy Security" for the UK.

On a personal level Portsmouth is a small city, being an island space is at a premium. The last thing we need is this scheme causing significant disruption to an already congested road network. We already do not meet the government guidelines on pollution levels and this scheme will add significantly to those levels during construction and beyond.

Yours sincerely
Chris Bollen