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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Eastney, Portsmouth - say no to Aquind.
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To the Planning Inspectorate.

From

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Dear Inspectors

I am writing to you to object strongly to the proposed Aquind Interconnector infrastructure project due to land here in Eastney, Portsmouth

I object to these plans for several reasons including:

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- Environmental impact on the city.
- Disruption to the city.
- Lack of quality engagement with the public.
- Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans

I have lived, studied and worked in Portsmouth since 1974, first living [redacted] of (then) Portsmouth College of Education adjacent to Milton Common and Eastney Lake. I have grown to love and value this city and in particular the Eastern side where the coastline is unique and beautiful in it's own very special way, precious and full of wild life; it is where I have made my home and brought up my children and hope to live for the rest of my days.

You will be aware of the density of population of the city of Portsmouth and this in itself, without any further objections should be enough for anyone to question the wisdom of the decision to plan such a disruptive project which will damage beyond repair some of the very limited public open space we have here.

During the recent lockdown so many residents were able to enjoy the particular tranquillity of this area of the coast as they took their hour of exercise and having discovered or rediscovered this part of the coastline and the adjoining Milton Common, value it more than ever. I have walked or cycled up to the Hayling Ferry point or along the coast line every morning for weeks, it is a truly special place.

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.

The original plan to dig up the out of city route via Henderson and Bransbury roads and up through Milton to the Eastern road was ill considered, clearly taking no account of the extreme disruption this would cause, as if residents and their well being quite simply did not matter. Now, to hear that the proposed route will go through allotments at a time when every bit of land suitable for growing food in in a city should be preserved is shocking.. The legitimate, socially distanced activity of gardening in the sight and sound of other like minded people has been a key factor in maintaining the physical health and well being of many people, particularly the lonely and isolated.

This would be an unnecessary act of commercial vandalism.

The whole scheme is so completely wrong and ill-considered for this area that I am going to allow myself to believe that right will prevail; that the planning inspectorate will look at the evidence and know that this is wholly wrong for Portsmouth and that you will stop this in it's tracks because you will make a considered and balance judgement.

I took the time to go to the information exhibitions and consultations, the attitude of the company's representatives was alarmingly arrogant in their obvious assumption that this was already a 'done deal' and that residents' opinions were of no real consequence. I was very quickly convinced that this project would be of no benefit to Portsmouth, and would cause actual harm, I sincerely hope you will do the same.

I hope 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.

Come and see for yourself what Aquind plan to disrupt and destroy.

I am not a natural objector or demonstrator, there are few causes that would motivate me to do more than discuss, write a letter and maybe carry a placard but for this I would be prepared to sit down in front of a bulldozer. This is SO wrong.

Thank you for your time.

Yours most sincerely and In good faith

Lynne Harvey

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