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To whom it may concern,

On a day when the Government announces that by 2030 every home in the UK will be powered by offshore wind energy

(see Conservative Party conference 5.10.20) how can the Aquind project be viable?

Earlier this year I along with other members of the Eastney allotments attended a presentation by representatives of Aquind. At no point was there any mention of a need to disrupt the allotments. All drilling would be several metres underground and no disturbance was predicted.

Information has now been brought to light that suggests that the previous promise from Aquind that the Milton Piece and Eastney Lake allotments would be untouched has been broken.

There is a suggestion that the cable will no longer follow the path in the allotments but will now go through the allotment patches meaning that sheds, trees, wildlife and plant life will be demolished and destroyed to make way for this cable. In addition, the car park, onsite shop and toilets could also be impacted.

A number of the allotment plots have been tendered to and nurtured for decades by the same families and every single allotment holder has taken significant time to establish the plants that they have grown there. These allotments are vital towards people's mental health, especially in the times we face with limited contact with family and friends. It is an outlet for many people and is a comforting place to go to and enjoy. If you take that away from people, it will be extremely detrimental towards resident's wellbeing.

My immediate concern is with the allotments but I know many many other people in the City, Lovedean and the areas in between are VERY concerned and object very strongly to the plan and the disruption and chaos that will ensue. For what? So an international company can make millions of pounds selling power from France that could be produced in the UK. Do we know if the power to be transported is wind, nuclear or fossil fuel? More questions to be answered.

Portsmouth City Council along with other local councils, not to mention all the local residents affected by the proposed project must be allowed to have their objections to the scheme listened to objectively,

considered thoroughly and hopefully agreed with; so the Aquind project can be dismissed.

I object very strongly to the proposed development.

Yours faithfully,

Judith Snaith