From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Upset and concerned resident
Date: 05 October 2020 23:15:27

Dear Inspector,

The following is a template letter that I totally agree with however I'd like to add my personal disappointment as someone who's been on a waiting list to get an allotment at Milton for around three years. I was told that we would be getting some land around Spring time of this year before Covid descended. I've a [redacted] son and [redacted] daughter and I was planning on using the plot of land to teach them about gardening and nature. I'm extremely disappointed that this development may take this opportunity away from them.

Allotments are a part of british culture and to threaten them should not be tolerated. Please reconsider the development.

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I write to object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land here in Portsmouth.

I object to these plans for the following reasons:

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. 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.

3) Disruption to the city.

Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the country after London. There are 3 roads off and on to the island.

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 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.

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]

[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,

Dr Scott Saunders
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