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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE.

OBJECTION TO THE AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR PROPOSALS

From:
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I wish to object to the present Interconnector proposals by Aquind Ltd on the following grounds:

1. The absence of clear democratically supported accountability for introducing a dependency upon European electrical power generation, when the declared Government policy is to become independent of the European Union.

2. The absence of an overall electricity supply strategy at national and regional level, which results in expensive piecemeal proposals such as this being made without transparent weighing of alternatives against robust and agreed criteria including the cost-benefit to the areas impacted.

3. The lack of meaningful and well-publicised and independent consultation at all levels in the areas potentially impacted.
4. The lack of information about the sources of funds for the investment, associated management of risk and potential conflicts of interest, and the return on investment (ROI) expected from the development.

5. The absence of clear justification for selecting Lovedean as the point for connecting into the UK National Grid, nor explanation as to which other potential connection points have been explored and why they have been rejected.

6. No detailed explanation and justification provided for the specified route chosen through eastern Portsea Island – a densely populated area - when by coming ashore further east (e.g. Selsey), it would be possible to utilise routing through substantially less heavily populated areas likely to be less impacted by the project.

7. No evidence is offered of detailed studies demonstrating the safety of high voltage DC cables buried at an unspecified depth below ground, in terms of (i) planned life-time, (ii) mean-time-between-failure rates, (iii) accidental minor or catastrophic breakages (iv) residual magnetic field impacts on human health.

8. A lack of detailed information about the duration of the project and how long building work and disruption would last on each part of the proposed route.

9. No compensation provisions and arrangements for individuals and communities who are not necessarily landowners but which will be severely disrupted by the project both during the construction phase, and potentially subsequent operations.

Thank you.

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