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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind Interconnector Infrastructure Project, Portsmouth.
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Dear Inspector, I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind Interconnector Infrastructure Project due to be undertaken here in Portsmouth.
I object on the following grounds:

1. Lack of clarity, overly complicated 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 the 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 personal details and house values.

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

Example: The plans show that one of these roads (Eastern Road) would have lanes closed to traffic during construction. These works would dramatically reduce access to the city for a considerable period of time, causing massive disruption to the lives of residents from the eastern side of the city working off the island, causing huge delays backing up into Copnor and Southsea in the mornings and onto the M27 and A3 in the evenings and the same would be true in reverse for workers commuting into the city from places east of Portsea Island.

4. Environmental Impact on the city.

Example: The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections- Milton Common, Milton Locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. If these plans go ahead, the increased levels of pollution due to idling vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the project's roadworks will have a catastrophic effect on wildlife and residents (schools and elderly people very near or directly on the Eastern Road).

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I think we should be looking, not for the cheapest option but for a route which has far less negative impact on the environment, local residents and Portsmouth infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,
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