From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
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Dear Inspector

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

I object ot these plans for the following reasons:

1) Lack of clarity, overly complicated and ever-changing plans. For example the Milton allotments were not part of the formal consultation with the public as an area than could be affected. In the latest plans released by the company this area is now included.

2) Lack of quality engagement with the public. 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. The plans show that one of these roads, the 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. 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 this goes ahead the effect on wildlife will be catastrophic due to increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the project roadworks.

I hope you will seriously consider these points I make. My concerns are shared by local councillors, and our constituency Member of Parliament, [redacted], has been putting pressure on Government to think again about this national infrastructure project.

Regards

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