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Subject: Re: Proposed Aquind inter connector project
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I am writing this e-mail to add my deepest concern to those of other Portsmouth residents with regard to the proposed Aquind scheme.
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> There are many reasons to oppose this scheme, ranging from the Russian owners of the business "influencing" Members of Parliament, including the Business Secretary to environmental concerns - the proposed pathway crosses an area of SINC land home to the Dartford Warbler one of Britain's most endangered birds. A week ago the Prime Minister announced plans to increase natural habitats and protect more wildlife by 3% - how does this fit with that?

How can we even be considering getting into bed with a Russian owned company given our relations with Russia at the current time and the alarming way in which the Russian Government chooses to conduct itself?
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> There is zero benefit to the residents of Portsmouth - one of the most densely populated cities in Europe yet this scheme will cause huge disruption to the city. This is presumably why approval for the scheme has been taken out of the hands of the people of Portsmouth and given to the Planning Inspectorate. This smacks of a very undemocratic approach and suggests a decision has already been made irrespective of the merits of the case against.
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> I can only hope that you, as the Planning Inspectorate act with impartiality and a moral conscience when you do not approve this insidious scheme.
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> Jo Stancliffe
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