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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind proposal
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to raise my objection to the Aquind planning proposal for a cable to run under Milton Allotments. I have tended my allotment with my family for 17 years. The allotment is at the heart of my family, bringing us respite, a source of creativity and food for many months of the year. Our patch and surrounding allotments are built on strong community spirit, we are active members of the community and have won the Portsmouth in Bloom awards for best allotment. The allotments are a haven for wildlife, with slow worms, newts and nesting toads to name a few.
I believe that the community have not been fully informed of the proposal, especially people unable to access the internet. I myself did not know of the proposed actions and was told by a family member with a Facebook account. I do not believe that all allotment holders are aware of the proposal and would be able to raise their objections.
The community allotment was a place to volunteer when I had my first child, they provided me with the knowledge and resources to grow my own food at a time when we could not afford to buy much. That education was invaluable and the knowledge I have passed to my children also.
To conclude, the allotments are a hub for community, a green space with a rich cultural heritage with deep familial connections. A haven for wildlife, a place for respite and a safe space for families to connect, exercise and grow vital food when supermarkets are expensive.
I strongly object to the plans for the Aquind cable to run under the Milton Allotments and the devastation to the community and allotment plots that it will create.

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