From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to Aquino Interceptor project
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Dear Inspector,

This is a lightly edited version of a draft prepared by our Member of Parliament. We agree with him.

We object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land here in Portsmouth.

Here are some reasons:

1) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical 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 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 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.

Example: The plans show that one of these roads (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.

Example: The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife due to increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the projects road works will be catastrophic.

We urge you consider these points. Why our concerns are not shared by all of our local councillors is a mystery but our constituency Member of Parliament, [redacted] has been doing his job and has putting pressure on Government to think again about this national infrastructure project.

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