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Subject:	Objection to AQUIND construction of electric high voltage interconnector along the Eastern coastal area of Portsmouth island
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To whom it may concern:

I object in the strongest possible terms about the Aquind plans for the following reasons:

1. Lack of clarity and specificity from Aquind and overly-complicated/technical, ever-changing plans. i.e. Allotment plots weren't being affected and now they are at risk of being cleared with trees removed and sheds etc being knocked down.
2. If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing could be catastrophic. The removal of green spaces in an already over-developed city is overburdensome on the local ecology and population. Furthermore this is a unique coastal area and a plan such as this is against any notion of saving the plant and ecology – please refer to Sir David Attenborough.
3. During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), this is one of the few green spaces locally where people are allowed to meet safely.
4. It is morally bankrupt to impact on so many people's lives (many elderly or with disabilities) in this way who have no real say in what happens to their homes, lives and environments.
5. There are other route options that have less impact
6. The potential removal of the community allotment which falls in the purple zone is completely unacceptable given that (already disadvantaged), sections of the community depend on it for independent living skills, respite support and personal development.
7. Portsmouth is prone to easily becoming gridlocked in times when main access routes are disrupted. There are two main routes into Portsmouth and Southsea. This will seriously disrupt access and exit from the island causing severe delays to people travelling to and from Portsmouth and Southsea for work, and could affect the local economy due to reluctance to visit the Historic Waterfront City due to traffic congestion.
8. What do the people of Portsmouth and Southsea gain from this proposal? It is overly burdensome to cause disruption to one of the UK's most populous cities with our clear intention of benefit.
9. It is not clear who stands to benefit financially from these proposals and why central government are overruling local council.

Yours sincerely.

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