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To: Aquind Interconnector
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To whom it may concern,

I know that your company have grand plans to benefit people in the future but is it right to sacrifice so many other people in the process.

We know that looking after our environment is a necessity not a pleasurable pass time.
We know that it is vital to care for our world as we have caused irrevocable damage to wildlife and communities that are now destroyed forever.
We must care, for the future of our planetplanet and the future of our children.

And

On a scale that must appear insignificant to your plans... Is the lives of local people who are caring for a small patch of ground, some of us do this daily.

It not only provides a balance to very busy stressful lives but also encourages children to understand and see the significance of the effort you put in and the rewards from your hard work and daily care.

It has truly been a lifeline for families who can no longer see the reason to live.

We all need spaces to care for life, we cannot fix the world but we work very hard on a small piece of it and hope to encourage the next generation to feel as passionate about the world we live in.

We have to remember that we make a difference to so many lives, digging a tiny pond and encouraging wildlife, harvesting fruit and vegetables without pesticides to help future generations know and understand the value and taste the natural produce.

Suicide rates have already increased over the past year, more than ever people need mental health and wellbeing and this is rarely accessible to them. Having a little space to watch the sun come up, hear the dawn chorus and care for seedlings and nature is one of the most beneficial ways to help people heal from daily life stresses and grief.
Without this, many more people will suffer... You have to ask yourself.

Are you prepared to sacrifice their lives for your plans?
Is it all about money?

Remember each and every life, no matter how small, is worth a life, maybe you can try to come up with a more agreeable plan that is not destructive and damaging to a local community who care about people and value the lives they lead.

On a very personal note, I would not have managed the traumas in my life without my allotment, I would then not have been able to support my family through their cancers, support the children through their difficult times without their parents, support the families I work with daily going through crisis and provide healthy food for many people.
A jar of jam can lift someone's spirits and let them know that you truly care about THEM as people.

Please give a thought for the tiny, insignificant lives and communities within Milton piece allotments and surrounding areas.

Kindest regards
Lorna Bird
Mother, grandmother, support worker, loss companion, sensory integration advisor, cook and lover of the Milton community where we have lived for 30 years.