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I am writing to strongly object to the proposed route of the interconnector cable which would make landfall in Eastney, Portsmouth and run to Lovedean.

The route is absurd, it will cause maximum disruption to a city that already struggles with traffic congestion due to our unique position as an island city.

Not only that, the route cuts through our extremely fragile and sensitive natural environment at the eastern end of the island. A worse route could not have been picked to disturb and destroy our precious habitats. Langstone harbour is a unique and important place in so many ways; an important over-wintering ground for migratory birds who rely on the ecosystem to provide them with food. The route through the mud flats of the harbour could almost have been chosen to create maximum disruption to this.

Langstone harbour and Portsdown Hill are also sensitive archaeological areas. Langstone has unique bronze age, palaeolithic and even earlier remains and these will undoubtedly be disturbed by this activity (ref: Langstone Harbour survey as carried out by Wessex Archaeology and the Maritime Archaeology Trust https://www.maritimearchaeologytrust.org/langstone. There must surely be better routes to choose for this cable.

It is outrageous that the planning oversight for this project has been removed from Portsmouth City Council and by default its residents.

Yours faithfully

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