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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to AQUIND inter-connector project
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Dear Inspector,

I am writing to object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land here in Portsmouth where I reside.

I object to these plans for the following reasons:

1) Disruption to the city. Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the country outside London. There are only 3 roads off and on to the island. The plans show that one of these roads (Eastern Road) would have lanes closed to traffic. These works would dramatically reduce the access in and out of the city for a considerable period of time, causing huge delays backing up onto the M27 and A3.
2) Environmental impact on the city. 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.
3) Loss of Green Spaces. As well as the environmental impacts already listed, Green spaces such as Milton Piece allotments, Milton Common and Bransbury Park will be affected meaning that the public's access to Green Spaces will be restricted or lost at a time when it's more vital than ever for people's mental health and wellbeing to have access to them.
4) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans. 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.
5) Lack of quality engagement with the public. There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for home owners details and house prices.

I hope you will give serious consideration to these points I make.

Best Regards
Alexa Gill