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To: Aquind Interconnector
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> To whom it may concern
> I would like to pose my objection to the proposal for AQUIND
> to proceed with its plans to
> construct an electric high voltage interconnector to run under the seabed from France to the UK. The project will see the upheaval of Langstone Harbour, Milton Common nature reserve & even Milton allotments - not to mention the threat it poses to endangered species in these areas.
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> I understand Portsmouth City Council has raised an objection but has no control over this situation
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> I want to 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. It seems that they are being intentionally vague so they do what they like. We are not legally trained and it is difficult to understand what is happening to us. The allotments are the pride and joy of allotment holders and have proved vital for physical and mental heath in these difficult times.
> 2) If this goes ahead the affect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing may be catastrophic.
> 3) During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), it is a terrible idea to invade one of the few green spaces and places where people are allowed to safely meet. It is further a terrible idea to remove green spaces in an already over-developed city. Schools and nurseries regularly take groups of children to Milton Common on nature discovery trips.
> 4) It is morally bankrupt to impact on so many people's lives (many elderly or with disabilities) in this way I'm afraid it's a case of a big corporation bullying allotment holders and our community.
> 5) There are other route options that have less impact even though they might affect profit!
> 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.
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> yours sincerely

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Sent from my iPhone