From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind Electrical interconnector
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Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of Portsmouth Tree Wardens in regard to the installation of the planned Electrical interconnector.

Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in Europe and the construction of this will cause much disruption to the residents of the city affecting one of main routes to and from the city.

The proposed route will have a devastating impact on the valuable Wildlife which are an asset to the local area, being planned to cut through the Wildlife trust site at Milton Common and also the SSSI area and RSPB site at Langstone Harbour which is home to many rare birds and a unique habitat in the area. Principal recent projects at Langstone have been the EU Interreg funded Little Tern habitat restoration (2012-2015) and the EU Life funded Little Tern project (2015-2018). The successfully completed aims of these were to first partially restore and then maintain the tern nesting habitat within the harbour. The disruption caused to these sites would be permanent.

The construction of this project has no positive gains for the local community and will only cause disruption to the whole area, One other area of concern is the 'donations' that the company has made to the conservation party which will look like sweeteners, a bribe or bung to influence the planning decision.

This project is not needed, will cause damage to the local environment and disruption to the whole community. The money that this will cost would be better spent on renewable eco friendly sources of power. So I urge the planning inspectorate to throw this plan out.

More information on two sites affected by the proposals can be seen here:
https://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/langstone-harbour/

https://www.hiwwt.org.uk/nature-reserves/milton-locks-nature-reserve

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