From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Help save Milton Common, Milton Allotments and Langstone Harbour / Eastney Mudflats!
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Dear Staff,

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
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.
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 whih 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.

We have to protect these beautiful precious spaces! For our residents, our children's futures, our planet and it's species.

On a personal note, this is my favourite place in the whole of Portsmouth. In fact, Milton Locks / Common is one of my favourite places in the entire world. [redacted] honour of this place, and the precious memories I have of walking and foraging there with my grandmother, and godchildren.

I have persuaded my [redacted] partner to move to England, with this area as the main selling point. I run in this area at least 3 times a week, and having this green space, access to nature and open water keeps me mentally healthy. I know I am not the only one who feels this way.

Yours Hopefully,

Miss R Elkington