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To: Aquind Interconnector
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Objection to the proposed Aquind interconnector: electric cabling through Portsmouth and onward to Lovedean
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Dear Sir - I write to ***lodge my objection*** to the proposed route across Eastney/Milton (in Portsmouth) area for the Aquind Connector power line.

The route poses a huge threat to the last remaining green corner of Portsea Island. The route through from Eastney beach to Bransbury Park, the Milton allotments and Milton Common (has there been any consideration for the lethal methane gases which are currently covered in Milton Common) will be disruptive and cause irreparable damage to wildlife and green space. I understand that there are rare newts living at the allotments which could be lost for ever should their habitat be disturbed by this plan.

The route along Fort Cumberland Road and Ferry road - will affect the Langstone Lifeboats capabilities & seriously affect the safety of Portsea seafarers; let alone the residents travel / life. Also, Furze Lane, Moorings Way and beyond will be disruptive to local residents, 5 schools - including two specialised schools which are affected by noise and changes, along with hindering the bus route which will lead to fewer journeys by public transport and increasing the number of cars on the road which in turn will impact on the already poor air quality.

Given the amount of work that has recently been undertaken along the foreshore, wouldn't the solution have been to include laying the cable at that point?

The attempts at consultation by Aquind have been shamefully inadequate. Their initial communication was invasive scaremongering, asking for personal information about property ownership. This has been particularly upsetting and worrying for my elderly neighbours. The information provided by Aquind has been deliberately (in my opinion) confusing and misleading.

This matter has been poorly handled from the start, and by taking it out of the hands of our local council it feels like we are being used as pawns in a politically motivated game. And why oh why are you and the government thinking that digging & laying pipes along & in the most densely populated place outside London is absolutely madness. The stretch along Eastern road is one of three access points to the island of Portsea, which is already stretched to capacity without the whole length of it out of full use IF digging etc is actioned.

This route absolutely needs to be independently reviewed along with the names behind the project?

Please confirm receipt of this email.

I look forward to receiving further clear information regarding this proposed project by Aquind: interconnector.

With regards

Mr. Paul Organ
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P.S. furthermore, it was announced today that the Government intend to be ‘self’ reliant with making their / our own electricity - soo why is this scheme even being considered?!

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