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I strongly object to this application.

The disruption to the city will be enormous. Swathes of land and roads in Eastney & Craneswater are to be dug up and disrupted, Milton allotments are to be bulldozed with no say for the owners, Eastern road will be dug up and huge areas of green space destroyed alongside the mud flats and marshes in the north of the City. Huge large areas of natural habitat will be disturbed and generations of wildlife, including rare bird species, marine life and other mammals lost.

The mudflats are a part of many birds migration which will no doubt be disturbed and the adjacent land that is used by many portsmouth residents for exercise and enjoyment (in an already over crowded island) will be ruined.

Aquind's figures show that it may be possible to increase the capacity of the national grid by 3% and the French national grid by 5%. No statements have been made on where this energy is coming from. If it is from fossil fuel sources then why? In an age where we should be looking to switch to fully renewable sources of energy is this necessary? Should a project on this scale even be considered when the money could be better spent on renewables? None of Aquind's data points towards a benefit to the people of Portsmouth for this project. Only misery and disruption.

It may be beyond the remit of the inspectorate to take into account the political process and motivation of this scheme but a quick look at the donations to several prominent supporters will see that this cannot be considered to be an application for the economic social or environmental benefit of the people of Portsmouth or the UK.

Please reject this application.

Yours sincerely

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