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Subject: Objections to Aquind proposal for cabling in Portsmouth
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I am writing to lodge my objections to the plans for Aquind cabling which are planned to come ashore in Portsmouth.

Portsmouth is a densely populated city where many people don't have a garden at all or have very small, often concreted / paved outdoor spaces. As a result, the allotments which are under threat from the cable work, are a vital lifeline to those who use them. They support well being, have positive impact on the environment and are vital to the city's residents. The plans to dig them up to lay the cables are totally unacceptable.

In addition to this, I'm extremely concerned by the plans for the cable in the eastern road area. I live in [redacted] that joins to Eastern Road. The city's infrastructure is already at capacity. Any kind of disruption to the roads on and off the island have been shown time and time again to show massive issues with traffic, hold ups, delays and subsequent problems which affect the entire city. There are many incidents and works in the past that have caused gridlock in the city. When ever there are issues on the eastern road, my road tends to form a perceived escape or diversion to locals who try to avoid the problem and in fact just end up causing total blockages because the road only allows traffic one direction at a time.

I believe the planned works by Aquind will have an extremely negative impact on the environment, air pollution caused by traffic and cause unacceptably significant disruptions and problems to residents who rely on the city's road. The road works, reduced capacity of the roads in the event of works and the implications for residents - not to mention the delays and backed up issues on to the A27 that there will also be, are unacceptable.

A different option for bringing the cable ashore, which does not include Portsea island, must be found.

Thank you.

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