From: Timothy Cook [redacted]
Sent: 04 October 2020 19:45
To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: No to Aquind

Dear Sir/Madam,
I am writing to you to express my total disapproval of the proposed Aquind power line development project, which is planned to come ashore on the Eastern side of Portsmouth. The development is expected to cause massive disruption and destruction to rare environmental assets including the green spaces, delicate mudflats and marshes approaching Farlington. Other resources likely to suffer disruption and degradation include Milton Common and Milton allotments. The impact of such disturbance on natural habitat and wildlife is likely to be profound and in many cases permanent. Other Green spaces facing disruption include Bransbury Parkwhich is to have trenches dug out to install cables, as are Farlington playing fields.
Other disruptions include the closure of Eastern Road, one of only three arterial roads in and out of Portsmouth. The massive impact this will have on traffic congestion in Portsmouth, a City already suffering illegal levels of air pollution is not difficult to predict: it will likely make air quality worse, as traffic get's concentrated and jammed into alternative routes, making life miserable for residents and commuters alike.
Residential householders along the proposed route of the cable are living in fear of the disruption to their everyday life; even questioning whether their homes will be made the target of compulsory purchase orders. Residents located along Fort Cumberland Road and also the Moorings Estate in Baffins are just two communities expressing anxiety, fear and anger at what the proposals could mean in terms of impact to their lives.
Finally, and of equal importance, is the corrosive effect this development has on the democratic decision making of the communities involved. In short, there is no democratic accountability. Portsmouth City Council has been frozen out of the process by making the decision for approval dependent upon the Secretary of State. There is a real and growing sense of injustice about this process. In particular, [redacted] it is well understood by the majority of residents in Portsmouth that the Russian owner's of Aquind are substantial donors to the [redacted]

Yours Sincerely
Timothy Cook

Mr Timothy A Cook
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