From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind proposal - EN020022
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am an allotment holder and 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 - this is also why I have copied some objections.

2) If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife (including some protected species), pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing may be catastrophic. The increase in traffic is going to go directly against the efforts of Portsmouth to reduce the illegally high air pollution.

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 which 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.

7) Our Council and our MP have also been objecting to this, but they are being ignored.

Thank you for your time
Susan Ost