From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to Aquind plans in Portsmouth
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I was horrified to learn just this week that it is proposed to dig up and disrupt large areas of land in north/eastern Portsmouth in order to lay a new undersea cable joining the English and French national grids. I understand that this will cause large areas of green space to be destroyed, including the mud flats and marshes which are an important natural habitat for many forms of wildlife, including rare bird species, marine life and other mammals. This area of Portsmouth is one of the only natural green spaces on the island and was discovered and enjoyed by many local residents during lockdown.

I am very concerned that this is being imposed without proper local consultation, and it appears that most local residents haven't even heard of the proposal. I was particularly disturbed to read that the original plan to run the cables along the Eurotunnel, which would have avoided this damage and was approved by the government in 2017, was mysteriously abandoned after the Aquind owners donated large sums of money to the Conservative party. [redacted] and will harm the government's reputation even further.

Please do not approve or proceed with this plan, which as far as I can tell is not even necessary and will not provide value for taxpayer's money.

Yours faithfully,
Tanya Kerensky
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