From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection - Interconnector Project
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Importance: High

Dear Sir or madam
I wish to object to the current plans by Aquind to proceed with works to run the interconnector along the eastern side of Portsmouth.
My first issue relates to the fundamental lack of public meetings and consultation which it would appear, is intentional by Government Ministers
given the current restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Knowing that it is impossible to have any form of public involvement through meetings or consultations appears to be a deliberate, intentional and crafted measure to ensure as little is known about the disruption that will occur, to residents in the surrounding areas where the proposed route of the interconnector will run.
My second issue relates directly to the planned route, namely page 10 and the proposed disruption to the eastern side of Bransbury Park. As a resident of Milton and given the current state of things, I and am sure many other residents/families in the area benefit from having Bransbury Park as an open space
to walk/exercise/play in a safe way. Maintaining social-distancing is the mantra of this Government, yet by appearing to remove and disrupt this very space appears to contradict this messaging by Ministers. Regardless of the time of year, this park and access to it offers residents the ability to enjoy outdoor space and recreation in a safe and socially-isolated way. There are also considerations for those residents/families who do not have access to their own gardens or any outside space. By removing/disrupting access to the park could have fundamental issues to peoples health, physically, emotionally and mentally. Under the current circumstances and not knowing how long restrictions may be in place, any additional stresses placed on residents/families I feel is unnecessary and unwarranted.
[redacted] Why is it that they have removed any consideration or consent for Local Authorities to consider this application? Surely, given the disruption that such
an undertaking will have on local residents and the surrounding areas, it is the relevant planning authorities who have a much better understanding of the impact such
a large infrastructure project will have on their communities.
Yours faithfully
Shaun Young
Resident