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I would like to put forward to you my objections concerning the proposed plans for the laying of pipes by Aquind. The route selected on the plans are invasive on many fronts. 1) Disruption to residents. 2) Air quality. 3) The many areas that hold protected wildlife. 4) Structures that it will impact by being bulldozed.5) It is totally invasive. 6) It will have long term implications, heavy machinery undermining old brick structures. 7) We are an island with just three exists, one being the “Eastern Road” where these plans will have a huge impact.

We have few Green Spaces here in Portsmouth that support our wildlife, three of which will be affected, those bring “Milton Green” and “Milton Allotments”and the “sea walk” commonly known as “The Three Lakes” all support a healthy range of wildlife that we are so lucky to have. A range of Newts, one in particular that is protected. Slow worms,toads, frogs, Hawks, swans. Too many to name. The times we now live in, it is so important to protect and balance our native breeds, on land and in the seas. Oysters for example, they die if silt beds are disturbed, mudbanks also hold many molluscs that will face decline if these plans go ahead.

What in the bigger scheme of this is the most important? The promise of cheaper electricity or the continuance of so many of our wildlife? We are all too ready in this modern World to forsake that which is important to that which really is not. Allowing financial gains to win over the future of our planet. What will we leave for future generations if we do not protect that which keeps the balance of nature?

Further to this, if the cable is follow the path of the Eastern Road, why does it need to enter at Eastney? Why could the entry point not be further north, hitting land at somewhere within Langstone Harbour.

I have been aware of these plans for some time, but only very very recently has it become apparent how invasive this work would be. As far back as 2018 I was led to believe there would be 'minimal disruption' to the allotment site.

Yours Faithfully,

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