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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind Interconnector Cable - Eastern Portsmouth
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Dear Sir

Re: Aquind Interconnecter Cable - Eastern Portsmouth

I would like to lodge my objection to the above planning application submitted by Aquind. I do not propose to rehearse all the many objections relating to environment and the social depletion such an exercise will cause to the people of Portsmouth; enough will have been said by those far more knowledgeable than I when it comes to pollution, traffic, noise, environmental destruction, loss of open space, loss of allotments, and so forth. I would like to remind you, though, that Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in Europe with space being at a premium. The people of Portsmouth do not wish to see yet more destruction of the very little space available to us, or an increase in pollution caused by the build up of traffic due to the intended works along with the loss of precious green/semi green space. Surely, there is a better way to carry out the pipe work, if it really is necessary, than to rip out what is a very precious asset to those of us who live on the very crowded island of Portsea.

Also, and very importantly, in his speech to the virtual Conservative Party conference this morning, Boris Johnson stated that the present pandemic brings new opportunities, that things must change, that, for example, wind power is the way forward, and so on and so forth. He also stipulated that this was the time for a “new Jerusalem”. Well, in my opinion, a new Jerusalem would entail not giving opportunities to Russian businessmen who have made donations of thousands of pounds to both the Tory party and Conservative MPs. If the application is granted then it will be clear that all that is said about the Conservative Party being in the hands of Russian oligarchs is true. The people of Portsmouth should never, ever be trampled over for the sake of funds being made to the Conservative Party, or any other political party.

If such a pipeline is necessary, another, less invasive route needs to be found. If such a route costs more money, then so be it. It is time that those with money stopped ruining the lives of those who are not in the same privileged position. Boris Johnson said this morning to his party members that he intends to be build a better Britain. Well, let the people of Portsmouth see he intends to follow through his word this time.

Yours faithfully

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