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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to Aquind electricity cable through Portsmouth
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There is virtually no land remaining on Portsea Island that is capable of being built on that is not already developed. Green space is scarce and precious, being tightly sandwiched between the Dockyard and other naval facilities, the Ferry port, existing housing and flood plain. If the cable encroaches on what little green space there is here (especially the precious Milton Piece allotments in PO4) it will be a disaster for Portsmouth residents.

Furthermore, the road-system in Portsmouth is under severe pressure: any disruption to traffic anywhere on the island has a most deleterious effect upon traffic flows. In the past the City has come to a complete standstill when there were collisions on two out of the three exit roads. The road network is under so much pressure at most times of the working week and even during weekends that essential maintenance eg tarmac replacement has to be done at night with only tiny sections of one main road closed off at any one time. If the cable encroaches on the road system here it will be a disaster for the local economy in Portsmouth and for community safety.

Socially Portsmouth is under the pressure that many coastal towns suffer: lower than average incomes and education outcomes, worse health outcomes, homelessness, employment opportunities and business opportunities. If the cable disrupts everyday life it will be a disaster for the health and well-being of Portsmouth residents.

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