From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to proposed Aquind scheme in Portsmouth
Date: 05 October 2020 21:53:19

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed Aquind scheme in Portsmouth.

The city council has spent several months consulting local residents about improvements to our coastal heritage and Southsea seafront. They have had a tremendous level of engagement from residents and the designs are a reflection of this collaborative process.

To suggest that these same residents would be uninterested in the Eastern shores of this same island is naive and foolish. We do not want the Eastern side to be torn up for pipes and cabling. Milton Common and Langstone Harbour are a haven for wildlife as well as being a source of peaceful space for local residents. The proposed route would destroy the natural habitat of hundreds of wild birds and other native species.

In addition the proposed route cuts through swathes of densely populated residential areas, which will disturb the lives of hundreds of families. This is simply not acceptable. The company spokesman was quoted as saying "Through on-going consultation with residents we are working to refine the route for cabling..." The first I have heard of this proposed plan was TODAY, the day before the closing date for objections. Clearly Aquind need to work considerably harder to engage with local residents and ensure a meaningful dialogue!

I strongly object to these proposals and I will oppose them at every opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Court
[redacted]
Portsmouth