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Good morning,

As a dog walker, allotment holder, Portsmouth resident and regular user of Eastney shoreline, I am writing with my objections concerning the proposed plans for the Aquind interconnector cable being laid on the Eastern side of Portsmouth.

I can't understand how it can be humanely possible to even think about disrupting such a haven for wildlife. Both the shoreline along the Eastern Road, Eastney Beaches and the allotments provide a safe haven for a healthy range of wildlife including birds, animals and sea creatures and there are indeed several protected species in this area. The community use these spaces for walking, cycling, running, kayaking, and especially during the current pandemic, these areas of natural beauty have been so very important for mental health and wellbeing. Protecting our natural environments and habitats and preserving them for future generations has never been more important.

The allotments also provide a much needed mental health boost for many people and some families have worked for decades to create their plots, providing not only food for their own families but for other families in our community who are in need. Many allotment holders are widowed older people who tinker around on their plots most days. This gives exercise, a sense of purpose and friendships to people who may otherwise be alone and miserable. Are these plots really going to be dug up and destroyed?

What about the chaos this work will cause to the traffic in and out of an already busy city? What about the residents who will be affected driving in and out of an already over-populated area. Will their homes be affected? Will the pollution levels rise as a result of this work? Locksway Road is getting more and more dangerous to drive and cycle along as it is without heavy vehicles moving around the area.

I think this is an appalling plan which will cause so much heartache and damage to our shoreline. **Please don't allow such a beautiful and well used natural area to be ripped apart.**

With kind regards,

Sarah Wade
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