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I am a local GP and I would like to lodge my objection to the Aquind Interconnector.

Whilst I appreciate the need to see “the bigger picture” I feel that the proposed route would have a detrimental effect on the people of Portsmouth. This is already as bust, densely populated city with generally poor health statistics. The impact of road closures would have a very negative impact on traffic flow and pollution in an area that already struggles with these issues on a daily basis. This will have a negative impact on the physical and mental health of local residents.
This project will also have a hugely negative impact on three local environmentally important nature reserves. There are very few open natural areas within Portsmouth. These play a vital role in the wellbeing of the local population. As has been emphasized recently fresh air and exercise is a vital mainstay in everyone’s health and any disruption to access areas to pursue this would be detrimental to locals.
These areas are also important habitat for a multitude of flora and fauna and as such have numerous protective orders placed upon them. To overrule these would imply a flagrant disregard for our natural environment.

These are very good reasons why this project is not supported by the local residents or council. I believe agreeing to this proposal will have a huge negative effect on local physical and mental health as well as a devastating effect on unique local habitats.
Regards, Dr Steve EVANS

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