From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind Interconnect Objection
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Dear sir or madam,

I am writing on behalf of myself, and my mother [redacted]

I would like to register my objection to some of the details surrounding the Acquind interconnect that is running a HVDC cable from France to Lovdean for coupling to the National Grid.

As property owners in Denmead, there has been little to no clarity about the potential impacts to roads and traffic around Denmead. Some route details would indicate that there is intention to close large sections of local roads within the area for an undocumented amount of time. The level of disruption seems severe, and I question the need for the disruption given the presence of HVAC lines running above ground in the vicinity of the proposed routes.

Surely there is the technology available to co-route the cables through the existing corridor already? This would significantly reduce the impact to the surrounding area and the people involved, after all, the HVAC pylons run directly from the Lovedean substation through to Portsmouth and there are existing wayleaves and/or covenants on the land that would allow for this?

It seems extremely lazy of the company in question to just resort to digging up large segments of highway simply because it is the 'path of least resistance'.

Whilst infrastructure like this is essential for the long term energy solution of the United Kingdom, There are better ways to solve this sort of problem.

Regards

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