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To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to the laying of the Aquino pipe

To whom it may concern

With regards to the planned Aquind Inter Connector Cable, information has now been brought to light that suggests that the previous promise from Aquind that the Milton Piece and Eastney Lake allotments would be untouched has now been broken.
There is a suggestion that the cable will no longer follow the path in the allotments but will now go through the allotment patches meaning that sheds, trees, wildlife and plant life will be demolished and destroyed to make way for this cable. In addition, the car park, onsite shop and toilets could also be impacted.
A number of the allotment plots have been tendered to and nurtured for decades by the same families and every single allotment holder has taken significant time to establish the plants that they have grown there. Please also bear in mind that the allotment holders grown fresh fruit and veg which they often donate to the community to eat allowing healthy eating and a more varied diet.
Another point is that these allotments are vital towards people's mental health, especially in the times we face with limited contact with family and friends. It is an outlet for many people and is a comforting place to go to and enjoy. If you take that away from people, it will be extremely detrimental towards resident's wellbeing.
I waited 5 years on the waiting list and got my allotment 3 years ago, I have spent £400 on a new shed just last year and £100's on wood and compost over the last few years. This will all be wasted as I won't be compensated. After waiting so long for a plot I will be devastated if I lose it.

I cannot understand why it cannot continue up under Langstone harbour and come into the land at Farlington ?

I must therefore object to the proposed development.
Yours faithfully,
Shirley Sharp
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