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To: Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
Subject: AQUIND Interconnector

Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my deep concern about the impact of this project on the local area, especially Milton, in Portsmouth.

The project will cause significant disruption in a densely populated city that already has major traffic problems and, suffered badly as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

As an allotment holder, whose plot is in the path of the construction work, I will be directly affected. Whilst the plans are to drill horizontally under the allotments, there are still provisions for the land to be requisitioned. This would entail the removal of all structures, vegetation and, effectively, the destruction of the product of many years work. Many older allotment holders have spent decades maintaining their plots, building sheds, raised beds, paths, conditioning the soil, nurturing mature trees, and long terms plants. For them to face rebuilding from scratch, a task that can take years, would be untenable. Allotments take years of hard work and dedication to develop.

Allotments provide food for individuals, and families, a safe environment to exercise (particularly in these times), as well as sustaining people's wellbeing in countless ways.

The point is, they are not just allotments. They are significant parts of many people's lives. Personally, I would be horrified to see my plot destroyed, but for many, it would be devastating.

I am not just concerned about the impact on the allotments though. As stated earlier, the implications for the local area will be severe.

Thank you for your time.
Regards
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