From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind Interconnector
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Dear Inspector,

I write to object in the strongest possible terms to the Aquind interconnector infrastructure project, due to come to land in Portsmouth.

I object to these plans for the following reasons:

1) Environmental impact on the city.

Example: The plans show the cable passing directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. If this goes ahead the effect on wildlife due to increase in pollution/traffic levels of idle vehicles in the surrounding area due to disruption caused by the projects road works will be catastrophic. There will be both temporary and permanent loss of habitat, a deterioration in air quality during the work and a huge loss of amenity to a large residential area. It is well documented that green spaces are essential to physical and mental well being. The allotments are so valuable as a haven for wildlife, and a clean, green space for the holders and their assistants where tending their plots provides healthy exercise and social contact. Similarly, Milton Common provides an essential leisure and exercise space for the residents of this densely populated city

2) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans.

Example: Milton allotments were not part of the formal consultation with the public as an area that could be affected. In latest plans released by the company this area is now included.

3) Lack of quality engagement with the public.

Example: There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for home owners details and house prices.

4) Disruption to the city.

Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the country after London. There are 3 roads off and on to the island.

Example: The plans show that one of these roads (Eastern Road) would have lanes closed to traffic. These works would dramatically reduce the access to the city for a considerable period of time, causing huge delays backing up onto the M27 and A3.

I hope you will seriously consider these points I make. [redacted]

Thank you for your time,

Valerie Burden
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Sent from my iPad