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To: Aquind Interconnector
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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 and very valuable 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 must therefore object to the proposed development.

Yours faithfully,

Wendy Heyes