From: [redacted]
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Aquind interconnector infrastructure project: Portsmouth
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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 here in Portsmouth.
I object to these plans for the following reasons:

1) Lack of clarity, overly complicated/technical and ever-changing plans. For example, Milton allotments weren't 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.

2) Lack of quality engagement with the public. There have been several poorly managed consultations with the public, including letters to residents asking for home owners details and house prices. Also, I was not contacted for any consultation, which I should have been as a Portsmouth resident.

3) Disruption to the city. Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the country after London. There are only 3 roads off and on to Portsea Island (which is the main part of Portsmouth. 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 as well as much-increased commute times for many Portsmouth residents.

4) Environmental impact on the city. The plans go directly through green spaces, protected areas and areas with specific wildlife protections. Milton common, locks and now Milton and Eastney Allotments. These areas are particularly precious in a very crowded and built-up city such as Portsmouth. 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.

I hope you will seriously consider these points I make. My concerns are shared by some local councillors and importantly our constituency Member of Parliament, [redacted], who agrees with my points and has been putting pressure on Government to think again about this national infrastructure project.

Thank you for your time,

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