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I write as an Affected Person in respect of the above as I am an allotment holder on Milton Piece.

My objections to this application are as follows:

1. Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in Europe and as such the green areas are particularly valued. Therefore, disruption and problems will be deeply felt by not only the allotment holders but those who visit and walk along the foreshore and use the area round and about. My allotment ends at the sea and I know that this is a well-used footpath and cycleway.
2. This green area is beneficial for the health of those who have allotments as well for those who use the area in general as it provides a 'lung' for the city.
3. Many allotment holders live in flats and this is their only access to open space - the loss of this would have a detrimental effect to their lives. The Planning Inspectorate should bear in mind that people of all ages have allotments from young families to quite elderly people.
4. Having an allotment promotes good health through physical activity and in turn this is beneficial to good mental health.
5. For some people the ability to go to an allotment gives them a social life and connections with others that they would otherwise lack and result in isolation which is not good for general well-being.
6. There is a large variety of birds (garden birds, kestrel and peregrine falcon), amphibians (frogs and newts), reptiles (lizards, slow worms) all of which I have seen in the last few years resident in this area. These creatures would lose their habitat and at the very least be badly disrupted if machinery is moved in.
7. This is a very large area that Aquind wants to have, when they are saying that the machines will cause minimal disruption - it brings into question actually what does this cable involve?
8. Should this application be granted the request to have long term access for maintenance is also questionable. The paths within in the allotments are built for light traffic such as cars. The pathways and tracks are quite narrow and heavy machinery and traffic is likely to cause disruption.
9. Overall, there is lack of detailed information, which is not acceptable.

10. There will be a big impact in respect of the laying of this cable and disruption to the daily lives of the residents of Portsmouth and those who visit or work here. Consequently, my view is this seems a cavalier and ill-conceived plan which will create chaos and undermine the quality of many people's lives.

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