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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
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Dear Sirs,

I am an allotment holder at the Milton Piece Allotments in Southsea; my allotment, number [REDACTED], lies within the "blue area" and I am therefore an Affected Person so I ask that my views on the proposed project are taken into account.

I am concerned that the developer has been unclear about the method of construction to be used to install the interconnector in the area of the allotments. I have no objection to the use of horizontal directional drilling, provided that the drilling rig is positioned in a place that does not disrupt use of the allotments and that the developer is liable for any hydrological disturbances that might adversely affect the allotments as a result of the drilling. I do object to the use of "alternative methods" if this means excavation in the allotments. An excavated trench would be extremely destructive as it would most probably include the use of large machinery, coffer dams and pumping equipment. Allotments often represent many years of investment by those working them, in terms of both hard work and monetary outlay, to establish fruit trees and bushes, asparagus beds, sheds, greenhouses, cold frames, fruit cages, etc.. Many allotment holders simply would not have the resources to replace everything that would be lost to excavation.

I understand that there may be an unexpected problem with a directional boring drill that could necessitate very limited excavation to resolve, and the developer might naturally be seeking access as contingency in case of such problems. I would like to see any consents granted in this regard to be clear on the conditions under which excavation would be allowed, and for there to be clear obligations on the developer to reinstate or fully compensate allotment holders for any damage caused and loss of amenity during any works.

Yours
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