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To: Aquind Interconnector
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Hello,

I am writing to oppose the Aquind application. There are numerous reasons and I have listed the main ones below:

Portsmouth is a very densely populated city. Its air quality is consistently bad - often breaking the legal limits and therefore detrimental to health. To damage its green areas and to add to pollution is not acceptable.

We are in a climate emergency and to damage long-standing green places that are home to numerous threatened species is unacceptable.

Allotments and green spaces, such as Milton Common, provide essential "good mental health" areas. Never has this been so important as during this Covid pandemic.

We should be developing green fuel and moving away from our dependency on fossil and also nuclear fuel. Electricity from France is not a part of this necessary development.

During times of financial hardship for many, allotments are there to provide good quality, home grown food and should be protected at all costs.

The Aquind plans seem to be unclear and changeable. They also seem unbelievable. Using the allotment small roadways for heavy machinery - this cannot happened without additional serious and irreparable damage to the allotments.

As a previous landfill area, digging up parts of Milton Common would release methane as well as potentially many more pollutants. It would also be detrimental to wild life.

The community allotment provides significant mental health support as well as educational support. The allotments as a whole should not be damaged but should be protected at all costs.

There are alternatives. We must not allow government over the people of Portsmouth. We must have green developments that care for the climate and the people of the city.

I completely object to this plan.

Yours,

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