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I appear at this moment not to be an 'Affected Person' but the area which is currently designated as the area where Aquind are seeking rights to lay their cables abuts my plot [REDACTED], so I believe I have legitimate concerns

The allotments may well not be very high up on the list of concerns of the planning inspectorate but they provide a lot of pleasure to the people who have them. I have had my plots for some 30 years and I value them as one of the most important parts of my life.

I grow ferns and palms and other exotic plants, as well as the more conventional vegetables. It is not possible for me to move to another site

My plot featured on gardeners World in 2017

I invite you to come and see the allotments, especially mine. I am retired and available most of the time

I would be devastated if my plot was destroyed

Some years ago the water company dug a tunnel under the allotments using a tunnel boring machine. This machine got stuck under the allotments and people were thrown off their plots and the company took over the land and froze it using liquid nitrogen in order to free their machinery. I recount this tale to explain that even if Aquind have our best interests at heart, things can and do go wrong

Lastly, I would like to say, looking at the map, it would be easier to come ashore at Havant or Selsey, rather than try to lay a cable through one of the most densely populated cities in Europe?

According to Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portsea\\_Island](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portsea_Island)

“Portsea Island is a flat, low-lying island measuring 24.542 square kilometres ..in area....”

“Portsea Island has the third-largest population of all the islands in the [British Isles](#) after the mainlands of [Great Britain](#) and [Ireland](#); it also has the highest population density.”

“Population 207,100 (2010)”

This makes Portsmouth in the top 10 of densely populated cities in Europe

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