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Dear Planning Inspectorate,
I am sending you the submission from the Hearing on 7.12.2020.
Please confirm you have received this submission.

Regards,
David Langley

2 years ago, a resident of Milton, I attended Aquind's so called "consultation". Very persuasive evidence was presented to us, describing the Interconnector Project as simple, routine, bringing long- term benefits and causing minor short-term disturbance. How trusting we were.

We heard that our interests would be considered as represented by our elected council members. We could trust them.

At the time we trusted that Aquind would be true to their word, would consider the impact of their proposal on us. No mention that evening of taking over large areas of our open space, no mention of the permanent loss of our beach-side car park, no mention of potential contamination, no mention of gridlock, no mention of the harmful health effects of 2 Million Watts of electrical energy running through cables just metres from residents' front doors. Were we right to trust Aquind back then?

Today, I feel we have been largely ignored, side-lined, our concerns disregarded. Can we now put our trust in you , the Planning Inspectors, to heed our concerns ? May I suggest that some important elements are missing from those 1000's of documents in front of you today?

For example-Will the traumatic impact of COVID and its long-lasting effects be included in your deliberations? What about the consequences of a no-deal or a bad deal of Brexit? How many Interconnectors are already in operation or far advanced in their planning, meaning Aquind is not needed? Should we not commit to UK sustainable energy sources rather than seek to increase supplies from abroad?

Finally, who or what will benefit from this Interconnector?

The 1000's of people on each side of the channel along the route? The future customers buying this energy? The UK economy? The French?

Or will it be the private Limited Company behind this project?

Do not such companies, funded from unregulated over-sea territories have other aims?

Am I wrong to suspect that the benefits will NOT be shared out by Aquind ,to the community at large?

And the final point; 2 years ago, no mention of a Telecommunications System in the Project, necessitating large-scale buildings along the route. Do we have to accommodate this telecommunication infrastructure when no other interconnector scheme has needed it?

Can we now rely on you , please, the Examiners of this application, to ensure that we are being heard ? Thank you for your hard work. We leave our trust in your hands.