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Good afternoon and welcome to this compulsory acquisition hearing for the Aquind interconnector. We do have a new a number of new participants for this afternoon. So I will run through a few preliminary matters after we have introduced ourselves kind of check with the case team that you can hear me and that the meeting recording has started, please.

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Thank you, Mr. Mahon, I can hear you can confirm that the recording has started.

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Thank you, Mr. Jones. Please could all participants ensure that they are muted unless invited to speak and silence any mobile phones that are not being used to access this hearing?

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So two introductions. Hi, I'm Andrew Mahon. And I was appointed on the 12th of February 2020. Under Section 65 of the Planning Act 2008. Under delegation from the secretary of state as the lead member of a panel to examine this application, I have a background in ecology and environmental impact assessment. And I'm a chartered environmentalist and a chartered landscape architect.

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My fellow panel members were also appointed under delegation from the Secretary of State on the same date, and Allison to introduce themselves starting with Mr. Wallis.

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Good afternoon, everyone. My name is David Wallis. I'm a chartered member of the royal Town Planning Institute, and I've academic qualifications in environmental planning. I'll hand over to Mr. Roscoe.

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Good afternoon. I'm Stephen Roscoe. I have a background in engineering and development and on a chartered civil engineer.

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Thank you both and can I also mentioned our Planning Inspectorate colleagues working with us on this examination Hefin Jones is the case manager leading the Planning Inspectorate case team for this application. He is accompanied by two case officers Jake Stephens and Katie O'Loan.

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Ms Milner could you please turn off your microphone in your camera?

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Thank you.

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We are examining an application for an order for development consent for the Aquind interconnector. The application has been made by Aquind limited who we will refer to as the applicant.

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You will find information about the application and documents produced for this examination on the planning Inspectorate national infrastructure website.

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Rule eight letter of the 15th of September 2020 includes the relevant web address.

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this hearing today has been held on the Microsoft Teams platform, but participants should not use the chat function as it is not in use today.

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Should you wish to make a comment you can use the hand up function. Though Please be advised there may be a delay before we see it and please wait to be invited to speak.

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If anybody is participating on the telephone, please just state your name very clearly if you wish to make a comment. But again, please wait to be invited before making your contribution.

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Please speak loudly and clearly especially those on the telephone.

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If you participate in the meeting, it is important that you understand that you will be recorded and live streamed and that the digital recording with subtitles will be published. The Planning Inspectorates' practice is to retain the recordings for a period of five years from the Secretary of State's decision on the development consent order.

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To avoid the need to edit the digital recordings, we asked you not to provide information that you wish to be kept private and confidential. And to be clear, this might include addresses details of your home or your land that would make it identifiable personal financial matters or medical conditions.

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If you are we consider there is no alternative to the disclosure of such information. We will agree a process to enable it to be made available without it forming part of the public record.

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The normal way to do this would be to ask you to include any private and confidential information that you need to support your oral submission in a written document.

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Whilst that written document would also need to be published it can be redacted before publication takes place.

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I need to stress to those who are not familiar with the hearings process that there is necessary formality involved.

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All questioning will be by the examining authority, and all participants must wait to be invited to speak. interruptions will not be tolerated. And after a warning any repeats of any such behaviour may result in a participant being removed from the hearing. costs can be awarded against participants that disrupt a hearing in some circumstances.

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I also understand that there have been some inquiries about the display of visual material. This cannot be facilitated and no material that hasn't been

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already been formally accepted into the examination may be displayed in any way. We would however, welcome the submission of any relevant supporting material after the hearing by deadline eight.

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I'll be taking note of any post hearing action points that arise during the course of the hearing. And I will seek to agree those with the applicant and other relevant parties before we close the hearing

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will take breaks as necessary. And please can ask all of them online to stay online during all of the breaks, but to turn off your camera and microphone.

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Note that those watching the livestream may need to refresh their browsers after a break to continue watching.

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Mr. Walis will now move on to agenda item two.

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Thank you very much. Mr. Mahon.

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Agenda item two is to describe the purpose of this hearing. The hearing today will follow the circulated agenda. As we consider the requests for compulsory acquisition, we will take into account not only what we hear today, but also all of the relevant associated information in other application documents or submissions and written representations.

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component compulsory acquisition hearings can also take evidence in relation to applications for the development consent order for temporary possession or temporary use of land or rights.

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parties who have an interest in land that is affected by such a compulsory acquisition requests are known as affected persons. All affected persons have been notified of this compulsory acquisition hearing, and have a right to be heard in relation to their interests in land. And any objection to the compulsory acquisition requests in the applicants change requests one and two. We have also invited representations from those additional affected persons that have been added to the book of reference since the last compulsory acquisition hearing

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of a number of parties that have requested to attend and speak today and a list of their representatives were appropriate. I will now just go through that list. The parties requesting to speak are Portsmouth City Council, Mr. Jeffrey and Mr. Peter Carpenter, represented by Mr. Christian Swart, David Langley,

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Janice Burkinshaw, who may be represented by Paula Savage, as circumstances dictate.

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Jenny Woods, who will be represented by Viola Langley,

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Robert Milner, who will be represented by Ellie Milner,

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Claire Camden, who will be represented by Alison Gregory,

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Mr. Sidney Dooley, who will be represented by Paula Savage,

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Susan Caffrey, who will be represented by Annette Howsett

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Kirsten MacFarlane he'll be represented by Jonathan Walker.

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And Viola Langley, Patrick O'Hara and Rachel Lejon, who will be represented by Paula Savage.

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Are there any persons here who I've not yet mentioned? Or any other parties wishing to address this hearing, please?

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Okay, nothing heard. Thank you very much for that was the number of you are individuals and as I've already named you, there are some organisations here And now I'd like to start by getting their names. Firstly, who is appearing for the applicant in this meeting, please?

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their IP on behalf of the applicant? My name is Simon Bird QC instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills. I'm appearing with Mr. Martin Jarvis of Herbert Smith Freehills. Our team today will include Marita Boden is the landscape lead for the project. Mr. Ian Ellis is the ecology lead for the project, Professor Silca Goldberg to deal with the regulatory issues, Mr Alan O'Sullivan to deal with land acquisition matters, Mr. Joshua Kauffman to deal with the

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geotechnical issues.

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Thanks very much. Thank you very much for clarifying that.

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And the other relevant organisation here is Portsmouth city council who appears for them please.

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Good afternoon, sir, Celina Colquhoun, council instructed by Portsmouth City Council. The team today would include Mr. Kiran Navan, constructing solicitor, Mr. Ian Cunliffe from Geikie Hema and Peter Hayward who is our highway specialist.

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So I have a query about order of things but I suspect you

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may come to that, so I won't mention it. Now. Of course, I'll just finish this introductory section. If the point hasn't been covered, then by all means, raise it before we move on. Okay, thank you.

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Moving on then to the details of today's hearing, we will be examining the application for compulsory acquisition rights in the context of the powers provided by the Planning Act 2008, specifically, sections 122 and 123. A link to that legislation is available on the main national infrastructure planning website of the planning Inspectorate. But in brief, we will need to test and advise the Secretary of State on whether the land and rights that are sought are required to build or facilitate the proposed development or relate to necessary replacement land,

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whether there is a compelling case in the public interest for the land or rights to be acquired compulsory.

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And what the what that what is sought is legitimate, necessary, reasonable and proportionate.

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will also be mindful of the advice set out by the government and its 2013 publication, Planning Act 2008 guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land, which is also available from a link on the national infrastructure planning website.

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Our deliberations and discussions will also be guided by the relevant human rights legislation, including the European Convention on Human Rights article six, eight and 14 and first protocol article one.

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Ultimately, while considering whether to recommend or allow the application for compulsory acquisition powers, both we and the Secretary of State will take great care to weigh any interference of human rights against the public interest associated with the benefits of the proposed development and ensure that any interference is considered both necessary and proportionate.

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It is for the applicant to demonstrate that all of the proposed compulsory acquisition powers that it seeks are justified within this framework, that all reasonable alternatives have been explored, and that there is a reasonable prospect of it having funds available to implement any compulsory acquisition rights that may ultimately be granted by the Secretary of State in the time allowed within any development consent order.

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Well, there is a clear and obvious link between our examination of the proposed development itself and our examination of the application for compulsory acquisition rights. The two are tested on their own merits according to the case, whatever our ultimate recommendation to the Secretary of State, it is possible that he or she could grant development consent, but not some or any of the requested compulsory acquisition powers.

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I should stress that we will form a view over the full course of the examination on each of the requests for compulsory acquisition powers. And whether or not there is a compelling case in the public interest. And not just on the submissions and evidence put forward to us today.

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For those of you who are less used to a compulsory acquisition hearing, I should explain that we will be referring to a small number of principal documents from the application today.

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They are listed on the agenda for this hearing. They include the compulsory acquisition schedule, which is rep seven, hyphen 059, in the examination library,

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the draft development consent order, rep seven hyphens 013. The statement of reasons, which is rep seven hyphen 017, the funding statement, which is rep six hyphens zero to one, the book of reference, which is rep 7019, the land plans which is rep seven hyphen 003. And finally, the crown lands plans, which is rep 700. For those references, as I say references to the examination library, which can be found on the project page of the national infrastructure website.

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Together these documents provide the bulk of material relevant to the application for compulsory acquisition powers. In preparing for this hearing. We have also looked at all the other relevant material, including the explanatory memorandum, various chapters of the environmental statement, the applicants funding statement. All of these are available via the exam library.

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The lands plans identified all relevant parcels of land and includes a label for each that cross references to the book of reference. The Book of reference includes a comprehensive table that lists each parcel of land, the power sought, and everybody that has been

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identified with a legal interest in it. It was the applicant's responsibility to undertake diligent inquiry into the existence of all such affected persons in advance of making the development consent application. The statement of reasons sets out in detail why the applicant believes there is a compelling case in the public interest for it to be granted compulsory acquisition powers in the draft development consent order.

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Many of you will have read these application documents and provided us with your own opinion on such matters in your written representations in advance of this hearing.

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Finally, may I remind you that the focus of today's hearing is explicitly on the proposed compulsory acquisition powers and specific parcels of land or legal interests in parcels of land. And we will not be

taking any submissions or evidence on any other aspects of the proposed development, including its merits or wider concerns.

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Similarly, we cannot take evidence on the quantum of compensation that may be sought or awarded to any individual affected person, or the application of the compensation code. As this is strictly outside the terms of our reference.

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to complete our preliminary item about the purpose of today's hearing, may I request all parties who make an oral submission today to follow that up in writing afterwards, after the hearing by deadline eight, deadline eight is the first of March 2021.

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The written submissions should be based on your representation today, rather than new material. They can include more detail or corroborating or supporting evidence as necessary.

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I now hand on to my colleague, Mr. Roscoe, who will move forward to agenda item three. Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Wallis.

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Agenda item three, then, adding is compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers. Item 3.1 is the applicant to explain briefly how the compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers within the draft dcl relate to change requests one and two. Mr. Byrd.

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Mr. Jarvis, sir. Thank you, Mr. Jones. Thank you. And so change request one relates to plot number 803 A in the book of reference and shown on the land plans and 100, 1000 rather, 457 square metres parcel of land for the western edge of football pitch at bat in Milton rovers FC and the change was made to remove land to the west of that land so as to remove root protection areas and ensure that trees were not lost in that location.

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And then it's new connection work rights, which has sought over that land and they will be authorised pursuant to Article 23 of the order which authorises the acquisition of rights

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and then change requests to relate to two parcels of land. The first of which is plot number 102. A, and the second of which is plot number 132. A in respect to both of those plots, its new landscaping rights, which is sought and they are sought to allow the applicant to address the issue of ash dieback in relation to managing the visual impacts of the conversation against therapy would be article 23 which is

utilised to authorise the use of or rather to authorise the acquisition of rights over those plots. Thank you, sir.

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Thank you. Now what I will do, I will take any comments on the powers obviously under the individual representations. So I'll actually move now on to agenda item 3.2, which is the applicant to explain the compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers relate to plots 1012 to 1014 B, which are effectively the entrance access tracks and allotment plots at the East End Milton Pease allotments Mr. Jarvis.

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Thank you sir. So in relation to plot 1012, which is the access from locks way road, new access rights have sought to allow access over that area during construction and during operation for walkover surveys, in connection with operation in relation to plot 1013. It is internal paths in the allotments. And again, it's new access rights, which are sought over that plot only in relation to plot 1014 which is the area of allotments beneath which the cables are to be installed by HDD excluding the internal path, temporary use of the over the surface is sought and that's in connection with the cleanup of bentonite breakout fluid in the unlikely event that that occurred only and new connection works rights are sought in respect of the sub soil below two and a half metres from the surface and then in respect in respect of cloth 1014 A and 10

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14 B, they are both internal paths within the allotment. So it's new access rights, which has sought over those to allow access for the event of bentonite breakout and for walkover surveys during operation. And again, rights or new connection work rights authority and respect of the search. So below two and a half metres, the reason why it's split into plot 1014 A and 1014 B is just where there's the gap, or rather, the division where the cable goes to the past aren't actually joined. So it was necessary to split into two plots, but they are equivalent in terms of the right.

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Thank you. Again, under this agenda item, I'll take any comments on it under the individual representations, on then to gender item for representations from affected persons and other interested parties. Agenda Item 4.1 is affected persons who requested a compulsory acquisition hearing, and wish to make oral representations on relevant compulsory acquisition or temporary possession matters. Now, we have the order set out in the agenda which you all should have, I wish to actually change that order because there are parties present who haven't previously had the opportunity to speak at a hearing in the examination. So with that in mind, I'm going to take the allotment holders first in the group that they appear under agenda item 4.1. A trust that is clear. So effectively in the list that you've got in the agenda. I'm starting off with a representation from Mr. David Langley.

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Mr. David Langley, please. Yes, I'm here. Mr. Langley, just before you start, and this is a question that I'll ask to everybody who appears, how long do you think you'll be?

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Not too long?

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Give it give it a guess. Five, six minutes. That's Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Right. Okay, if you'd like to proceed, please. Yes. So I'm David Langley plot 62 of Milton Pease allotment shared with my wife, Viola Langley.

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And examiners questions two, the applicant was asked a simple question. Would allotment holders be able to work on their plots during HDD operations? Aquind's answer was yes. Even when we were working directly above the drill.

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My question is, can we trust their judgement. In fact, it is the judgement of a specialist contractor who has supplied specification sheets covering products such as lubricants containing bentonite and more of that later.

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Best Practice of HDD operations requires an emergency procedure in the event of what is called by the applicant, a bentonite breakout, globally known as an IR or inadvertent release of drilling fluid. Well, we experienced an IR at the allotment? Aquind says it's a small risk, if so, they their chosen contractor will adopt their published plan. implicit in this plan is the possibility of an IR that is drilling lubricant will escape to the surface from below. It is subject to very high pressure after all, and they are carrying out hundreds if not 1000s of feet of this drilling. I've been concerned about this possibility of IR since Aquind's reassurances about our access, which is 100% all the time, and I find it difficult to trust this judgement. The HDD industry recognises that I ours are unavoidable. There's even a second tier to the industry specialising in clearing up after I RS and the contractor appointed by AP Korean however, appears to have an in house team charged with dealing with I Rs. No doubt they will follow best practice as outlined in for example geosyntec publication called comprehensive approaches to mitigating inadvertent release HDD. Well, this publication offers mitigation opposition up options, mitigation options if an IR occurs. For example, I quote instal relief wells to provide a preferential pathway for drilling fluids to migrate to the surface or, quote, use special cleaning fluids or a quote select an alternative installation method. Well, that's very reassuring that's sorted.

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Furthermore, I quote the eye our mitigation plan must include emergency response and cleanup procedures, but an emergency plan alone does

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not constitute a comprehensive approach to mitigating IRs. Sir, what of Stockton documents or acronym submission? In relation to this? Might special drilling fluids be introduced? Should things turn difficult under the allotments? What is special what makes this fluid special seeking independent information I wrote to some companies who offer HDD and I wrote to manufacturers and suppliers of

drilling fluid. And this is what I asked in summary, whether they would guarantee the safety of personnel working in a garden setting directly above HDD operations, where the products used in HDD might safely be ingested. With a plant for human consumption could be safely grown in soil contaminated by all types of drilling fluids. I only received one reply from five companies. And that was Stockton. And they referred me back to Aquind and so much independent information. I hadn't even mentioned Aquind in any communications to these companies, yet my private inquiry ended up with the applicant. So, reading numerous sources online has led me to the conclusion that polymers this term may necessarily be added to drilling fluid as required. Is this a special fluid then? And can this special fluid be safely ingested? So now what I assume we can expect and I am the contractor does his team is where we deployed? What about our young granddaughters caught up in such an event or our neighbor's dog? What's about the new slow worms, lizard, small rodents, frogs, bugs which are bound in this environment? What if a small child or dog slips on this liquid emerging under pressure onto the surface, the product is notoriously slippery according to the spec sheets. What if a child having slipped over ingest some of this special cleaning fluid or the dog or any of the other living organisms which are bound in this fertile environment? It doesn't bear thinking about whilst on the subject of IRs. I'd like to draw to the examiner's attention incidents recorded in the international pipeline conference records, year 2000 Volume One, a case study called environmental considerations of HDDs. I'd like to highlight two of the four IRs which occurred during a bog-standard HDD operation under wetlands excuse the pun. So firstly, following best practice after an IR I quote, fluid was quickly confined with silt fence and hay bales and pumped, and all removed with hand tools. standard practice. However, months after this cleanup, a two to six-inch layer of cabinet contamination remained, an area of approximately 8000 square metres was affected. Secondly, drilling fluid escaped from an IR and combined with the substrate material solidified into a solid layer up to 12 inches thick. After normal best practice measures, heavy machinery had to be brought in to break out some of the accessible material. Even so in places layers two to eight inches thick remained and this over an area of approximately 9000 metres. So relate this to the allotments and you'll understand my concern. It's easy to dismiss the risk if you are a contractor, who ultimately will use whatever it takes to get the cables under or through the allotment areas on time in budget. Easy to dismiss if you're indifferent to the potential harm to a child, pets or flora and fauna. Imagine the scene distressed allotment holders who don't forget are permitted to access their plot at all times that are asked to step aside by the IR team so that whatever works or equipment can be brought in to deal with this mess. It doesn't bear thinking about then there are drainage issues. Milton Pease is continually affected by inundation weather from heavy rainfall or very high tides adverse wind. The Aqua HDD plan would drive six nonabsorbent ducts through the land displacing natural or drainage friendly material. Can we expect a beneficial effect from this? I don't think so. More flooded plots taking longer to train to drain. So dear exams, please protect our grandchildren, protect our pets, flora, fauna. And don't forget the hundreds of a lot of users whose life depended on this wonderful resource, recommend that the applicant takes his cable project somewhere else looks elsewhere to make his vast unmerited profit. We don't want it don't need it won't have it. Don't risk our safety or our future.

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Mr. Langley, thank you. I just had a couple of questions before we continue for you just in terms of the allotment and these are questions that I will actually ask the other allotment holders as well.

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Well, how long have you had the allotment? This is our second full year. Second full year. Thank you. And Are you a member of the allotment Association, which we understood was chaired by Mr. Stark? Yes, I am from the onset. Yes. Thank you. And then you mentioned 100% access to the allotments.

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Is that your season of use of them? Well, we go down, I would say once a day, possibly twice, all year round. We live very close. [REDACTED]. We have actually got a very comfortable setup down there, which allows us to make a cup of tea to survey the area to do distance, communication and meeting up with our community. Right. Okay. And then my final

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question was, I've seen mentioned of like a community hub, within the allotments. Can you very briefly just describe what that is? Yes, we're, in fact, our plot is next door, but one to that community area. It's a I would say probably a five times as large area that we have operated, I think by the City Council, the PCC would have more information we do if you'd like to contribute to it, because there are educationally sub, well, lower ability people there. And some I think handicapped people, and they often want to see what's going on, and we cooperate and work with them, and not exactly, ever direct them, but we accommodate their needs, shall we say, collectively, but it's very much organised by the PCC and they employ someone I'm sure they'll tell you about that. Right. Thank you. Thank you for that. Thank you for that. And thank you very much for the representation that you've made. If I could turn Thank you. If I can turn now to Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything that you wish to say in response on behalf of the applicant, Mr. Jarvis?

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Just to acknowledge that a response was provided by Stockton correct to Mr. Langley, which addressed the queries raised and that is available at Appendix A of the a seven and seven eight submissions of the applicant. And the CV information with regard to how works would be carried out to meet the allotments is set out in the

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bentonite breakout notes, which was submitted as an appendix for two, our response to the examiners second risk and questions and that sets out the measures that will be applied in those meshes. Those measures are also secured through.

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I believe it's section five, four of the onshore outline, construction environmental management plan.

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We're not able to comment on the examples that were raised there by Miss Langley and respect to different schemes, because obviously, they are very circumstance specific. But it's not anticipated that any of the issues that had been stated that are likely to arise, will be if Mr. Langley would like to provide that further information, then the applicant will do its best to consider that and take it into account in its deadline, eight responses. Thank you.

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Jarvis. Thank you. Mr. Langley. Thank you for your representation to be made.

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Did you wish to say something else? I would just like to say that there is an enormous amount of reported information about inadvertent release tonight breakout. And there is also a lot of evidence that bentonite, which is a benign material is mixed with other materials. And I would like that to be on record. And I think that, you know, it's easy to be glib about the situation easy to just quote, numbers, and references. What we're talking about here are people it's people, and we have got, there's no mitigation, harming people.

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Thank you.

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Mr. Jarvis. Was there I think finally in response.

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No, thank you.

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Right. Thank you for that. The next on my list is Miss Janice Burkinshaw, please.

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Am I there? Yes, talking now. Thank you very much.

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More than five minutes. Thank you very much for that. Right. And

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I'm in my 46th year as allotment holder at Milton Pease in the area shown in your diagram of affected plots. I'm a resident of Moorings Way and chair of the Milton neighbourhood forum. So feel that this matter is very relevant to my situation. personally.

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I must state clearly I do not support the installation of the new cable through Portsmouth streets as a matter of principle, since the city is already suffering from high levels of stress. This is due to its poor infrastructure below

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Standard school sites, Victorian mixed rain water and sewage drainage systems, narrow streets poor air quality, lower than average life health outcomes, very high density of population, shortage of open green spaces poor bus service and a low wage economy. The installation will increase pressure on all

levels of society and the city's infrastructure, particularly traffic congestion along the eastern road, already peaking at air pollution legal limits. Further the UK has stated its intention to switch resources to green sources of energy with the potential to make the new supply to Love Dean unnecessary. On a personal level, I'm fearful of the effect on health of the installation of electrical cabling near my home and allotment and do not believe it is free from homes.

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As an allotment holder, I have serious concerns at the proposed route of the cable, which will most probably pass through my plot and others nearby. 20 years ago, Southern Water had to install pipes in this area for its sewage discharge, and also chose the route under my plot. They encountered liquid mud close to the surface, resulting in the need to clear all allotments and refrigerate the area through the installation period. This was the only way that they could drill.

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This of course destroyed the plot, and the area had to be reformulated with new soil, new buildings and new plot holders.

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Groundwater level in the area of the allotments which Aquind plan to access is 1.5 metres from the surface depth. At the current season, the land is severely seasonally waterlogged and I'm concerned that if drilling is intended through this 1.5 metre zone, it will remove roots from plants trees, and affect installations on the plots.

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Initial plans showed cabling using the main access plot path along the allotment edges as the route use of that area would be preferable as the site could then be improved by reinstating the path with tarmac to avoid the current potholes and mud. The route could then follow the internal path across the Showground and out to the nature reserve and thatched house carpark as planned.

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There have been numerous consultation events in the city to receive comments from residents on the Aquind proposals. Objections to use of the allotment site and disruption it could cause have been made clear, but still no alternative is coming forward. Bearing in mind that the city council itself is planning to reclaim one of the last wild corners of Portsmouth Harbour as a super Peninsula by draining and concreting over protected intertidal habitat and then build 4000 new houses and other facilities on this reclaimed coastal flood plain. Bearing in mind the area's protected as a site of special scientific interest, a special protection area and a Ramsar site in recognition of its value to wildlife, and internationally recognised vulnerable bird and other species.

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Currently, the Portsmouth Harbour site helps fight climate crisis by capturing and storing carbon dioxide and protects Portsmouth from erosion. Portsmouth Council's proposals therefore on the western side of the island will permanently destroy these protected zones. Yet the reasons for Aquind

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to defend its route

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say that their cable cannot be routed through Langston harbour on the east side of the island as it is a Ramsar site and a site of special scientific interest. Instead of installing a cable is a construction project. Once it's been installed, the site would return to its natural state.

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Therefore this surely should be preferable. On the other hand, as Portsmouth Council is applying to permanently destroy such sites in Portsmouth Harbour, why should a temporary disturbance to Langston harbour be refused for the new cable? additionally, as Portsmouth has every confidence in being able to pursue their development through Portsmouth Harbour, why can't Aquind lay its cable first on the council's intended development site, and then let the city proceed with its destruction of the harbour site allowing for the cable. This would leave the east of the city undisturbed, or maybe the Navy don't like that plan, whereas the plan for the east side of the city will nearly distress local people.

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Thinking about the Navy Portsmouth is of course the major naval city in the country.

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At a key location in our nation's defence, particularly now that the aircraft carriers are cited here, many naval movements both above and below the water pass through the sonant. There are suspicions that the Aquind cable installation could incorporate fibre optic cabling for communication purposes, not only part of Fort Cumberland car park, but also additional land at love. Diem is being permanently resolved reserved for an optical regeneration state station under this scheme, the cable route passes under the new 5g mast in brands we park and can easily connect to the system has a political decision being taken yet as to whether we should be opening our country systems to commercial or foreign parties? So easy and willingly?

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Sure, thank you. It did spread a little bit towards the end of that, but I allowed it to continue. I think.

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One, a couple of questions from me. You mentioned the Showground Yes, you're in your representation. Could you just identify where that is? Just by a description of where it is? It's on the north east corner of the allotment site? Yes. So I think if I'm sure it's fence joins on to the bit that is Nate labelled Hampshire wildlife class nature reserve nature, is that right? Okay. Yeah. Thank you. That's, that's all I need for that. Thank you.

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And then, did you say you remember the allotment association or not? I am. Yes. Ah, yes. 46 years. You said that you had an allotment for 46 years? I wasn't sure if that included the association as well. And your season or use of the allotments? Well, I go down there every week. In the summer, I would

say three or four times a week I grow a very large proportion of my food on that plot. Right. That's all I need for these purposes. Thank you. And then you've heard me and Mr. Langley discuss the community. Is there anything that you want to add to that? Or was that a fair description of it? Oh, I think that's very fair. Yes. Right. Okay. No more questions. Thank you very much.

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Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything that you wish to say in response?

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I will keep my comments to the allotment plots. That's okay.

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We have explained previously, that the applicant has undertaken a reasonably rigorous alternatives assessment. And the reasons why it's not possible to route through Langston harbour are very clearly set out in the supplementary alternatives chapter. And I won't look to repeat that. If I made that, I will just refer to Joshua Kauffman at WSP, who will address the comments made in relation to the previous Southern water installation and just confirm the installation methodology that is to be used for or proposed to be used for either for this project. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Kaufman.

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Thank you, sir. Can you hear me and see me? I can. Yes. And it was just a quick note. So the previous I think you're referring to the east knee to bud firm bud farm transfer tunnel, which sudden water asset. Now that was a wide diameter tunnel, it was by a TBM machine and requiring ground freeze. And because of the technique, it's not a comparable technique to HDD drilling,

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and therefore won't require the same external boundaries that incur the same problems as stated. But it's in a written response, as well. Thank you. Thank you.

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Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything else?

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No, that's fine, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Ms Burkinshawe, thank you very much for your representation.

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Next on my list is Miss Jenny Woods. I understand that she is being represented by Mrs. Viola Langley. and Mrs. Langley a similar question. Now, how long do you think you'll be? Oh, very short. It's a very, very short reading. Two minutes. Right. If you'd like to proceed, then please. I'm speaking on behalf of Jenny woods. My name is Fiona Langley.

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I have had my plot since 2007. It has been good for my physical and mental health, especially during the pandemic. When you walk through the gates, you leave the noise and pollution of the city behind. Suddenly you hear the birds singing. And often in the summer, you come across many species of lizards, new, slow worms, rare butterflies, moths, birds of prey and many more. I think this has been down to allotment holders providing safe places for wildlife. For example, providing flowers, ponds and locks and interrupted.

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Friendships are made here. And it has been a lifeline for people who have lost loved ones or adjoining

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Isolated I object to act when drilling under the allotment site, as it could potentially contaminate the soil. And we're destroying wildlife habitats that have taken years to create.

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I've also heard that some people could lose sheds and vegetation.

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Portsmouth has very little green spaces left. There are other green areas and Portsmouth under threat. St. James and Tipner.

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Milton Coleman is also under threat. Where will it all stop? Perhaps you can find sufficient reason to stop this abomination. Please consider that we are at breaking point. That's it. Thank you. Thank you. I did have a couple of questions. As I've asked previously, you may or may not be able to answer these obviously, is to believe Miss woods to be a member of the allotments Association.

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She an actual fact I can't say that 100%. But she is actually working in the community. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So I can talk a little bit about what I observe when she works with the clients and to what's coming in, etc. If you would like what I've what I've actually got, I've actually got obviously just have just had the representation from your husband on that. And that was quite a that was the description that I was the detailed description that I was looking for. So effectively. I've got that. Thank you very much.

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Right, thank you very much for that, Mrs. Langley. Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything in response?

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Thank you. So I will just pass over to Mr. Ian Ellis, our ecological specialists have to explain the ecological implications of the project at the allotment. Mr. Ellis,

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In brief, HCD provides the appropriate mechanism to mitigate any impacts on wildlife and to the land. We clearly state that as a appropriate way that all impacts would be removed. And we are confident in that conclusion. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything else? nothing further, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Miss Langley. Was there something that you wanted to say? Yes, I do going on again, on behalf of the person that

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Jenny would Yes.

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I do not know whether anybody of the examination authority, or Aquind has had a look at the latest Dasgupta report. And there's a very, very, very long passage about soil and how important the soil is for our biosphere and for our habitats. If we damage our soil in the allotment, then we will actually damage our biosphere. And as we heard earlier on these inadvertent releases are huge possibility. And they will interfere with how the soil is composed at the allotment not just at the allotment, but because we are talking about the allotment now and here. It is of incredible, incredible importance and must be taken into consideration. This report has been commissioned by the Treasury. So the government is actually

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realising how important our biosphere is. And within that biosphere is our soil. That's what I would like to say. Thank you. Thank you for that. Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything in response to that?

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And nothing further at this time said that we may respond at deadline eight. Thank you. Thank you, Mrs. Langley. Thank you very much.

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The next on my list is Mr. Robert Milner. I understand that Mr. Milner is being represented by Mrs. Ellie Milner.

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This is Allie Milner, please.

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Hello, hello.

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Mrs Milner, I understand that you're representing Mr. Robert Milner? That's correct. Yeah. Thank you. And then just the standard question. Before we start, how long do you think you'll be in your statement? Two three minutes? Thank you. Right. If you'd like to proceed, please. Okay.

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Thank you for letting me speak today on behalf of Robert Milner whose allotment would be directly affected. I'd also like to add that I'm also an affected locksmith holder at the Milton piece. My original objection to the Aquind sorry, this is Roberts. This is Roberts words. Okay, so my original objection to the Aquind interconnector project was the request by Aquind to have access to the plots at Milton piece. Subsequently, I've researched the project and can find no reason why this project should be deemed a nationally significant information.

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Structure project and my question is who will benefit from this project. I've been residing in Portsmouth in 1983 and retired from being a lecturer in music in 2014. I live in a flat in Milton with no garden, as do many people in Portsmouth. But fortunately, I've managed to rent a plot and be involved in the Milton piece a lot in the college community. This has been a huge benefit to my wellbeing during my retirement enabling me to be active and outdoors, particularly during the COVID-19 epidemic and lockdown. These allotments are of great service to the community and communal wellbeing to damage up to public resources to attack and downgrade the community for the benefit and profit for the few. When a habitat is destroyed. The carrying capacity for indigenous plants, animals and other organisms is reduced to so that the populations decline, sometimes up to the level of extinction. habitat destruction is the greatest threat to organisms and biodiversity. every type of habitat destruction would result in a loss of species. Destruction causes instant harm to habitats and kills many species in the process. fragmentation results in the loss of resources such as food and meats.

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The effect of the wildlife, rare plant species and land in any way would rob us and future generations of the beauty of our unspoiled allotments natural coastline and the small amount of open space in Portsmouth.

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My concerns and objections go beyond the boundaries of the Milton peace allotments and I fear that this whole Aquind interconnected project is motivated by profit driven motives and is unnecessary to be deemed a project of national infrastructure import portance is unjustified and rides roughshod over the world, the local people and council at a time when we need to consider our actions and the consequences to the earth, the environment, nature and people. The UK government in January of this year 2021 released a 10 point plan for a green Industrial Revolution. With this in mind, the acronym interconnector flies in the face of this government plan promising a greener future. Long May the Milton piece allotments Milton common in our limited open spaces remain a green lung within the local and surrounding Portsmouth communities. Please don't allow this project to go ahead and leave our allotments wildlife, coastline forestry, playing fields, common land, roads and environments alone and unspoiled for now and for the future. My conclusion is that it is of no benefit to the community and is solely for profit, there are still many unanswered and inadequately answered, answered questions. Thank you, says no other Thank you. I accepted the final parts of that on the basis of the was based on the need for compulsory acquisition of the allotment plots. And so I'm happy for that.

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You may well be able to answer these questions you did mention about your husband's retirement into the area and I think gave it gave a date for that. How long has he had the allotment? Do you know he was on the waiting list for quite some time? I think we had it. I mean, I actually hadn't. You know, I'm a co worker on an allotment. There are already a co-worker there. He's probably had his allotment now for four years. Okay. Thank you. And is he a member of the allotments association that I've mentioned previously? Um, I'm actually unsure about that. Okay, that's fine. Yeah. And the seeds The season of use is that I think the allotments that use, what's the season of use every day, twice a day, in the summer, and sporadically to just kind of like over to maintain and

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the winter. You've heard my questions previously about the community hub, did you consider that was a fair reflection of what happens in the hub?

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Etc. hub? Oh, yeah. It's an enormous, enormous amount of people. Yeah. Thank you very much. Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything in response

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just in respect of the need for and benefits of the projects that have been set out in the needs and benefits report and the addendums to those most recently, at deadline seven in the most recent time, which rested the energy white paper? nothing further. Thank you. Thank you.

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Mrs Milner, thank you very much. Thank you.

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Mrs Langley. I see that your hand is raised. I'm not sure if that's a legacy hand or not. No, no, it's not. Right.

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Sorry. Thank you. Thank you.

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Right next on my list is Miss Claire Camden. And I understand that Miss Camden is going to be represented by Miss Allison Gregory

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Miss Gregory?

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Hello. Hello. So I'm Ali Gregory, and I'm here today representing Claire Camden. So I'm going to read to you the letter that Claire has written. Right. Okay. Just before you start at how long do you think you'll take? All right

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A couple of minutes two to 3 minutes. Thank you very much.

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Having an allotment at Milton piece on East New lakes is a lifesaver for many of the citizens of Portsmouth,

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the most densely populated urban area in Britain, outside of Central London, we have all places need our green space protected. Many of us live in flats and tightly packed small houses with little or no garden. So having an allotment is very special.

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laying a massive pipeline through our locksmiths would cause as much stress. Local people have invested their time and energy and hard-earned money into their plots, some over many years, and which have often been handed down through the generations. The allotments are not only a place to grow healthy produce, support, Wildlife, biodiversity, aid the carbon sink, create learning opportunities and new skills, develop friendships and community projects, but also a place for people of all ages to keep healthy, in body and in mind.

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Our children have been able to learn and play our elderly have been able to wave and smile and all of us have avoided loneliness by being on our plots. They are vital to our physical and mental wellbeing at the best of times, let alone during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Many allotmenters donate the fruit and vegetables to local food banks. Others have raised funds for overseas charity projects from the sale of their produce. We need every centimetre of our allotment at this critical time. Coworkers support the elderly, unwell or shielded allotment holders by helping to maintain their plots while they are unable to get their organising to the sense of community and ensuring the less fortunate in our society do not feel neglected or isolated. Also, the impact of laying a pipeline may well have an extremely negative effects on local wildlife, salvaging the habitats permanently frightening away the many and varied animals, amphibians, reptiles and birds.

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We all know we have to do something huge to help nature recover and avoid the tipping point at this critical time in climate change. The Milton piece a nice new Lake allotments help us to keep our planets breathing.

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We do not want an electrical cable producing power from nuclear energy ripping through our beautiful green space, would you this would literally be tearing up our roots.

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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Miss Gregory, you may or may not be able to answer these questions. Do you know how long Miss Camden has had her allotment by any chance? I think she said a couple of years. Okay. Thank you.

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And you know if she's a member of the allotment Association, she can.

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Thank you. And then you heard the reference earlier to the use of the community hub. Was that a fair reflection?

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Yes. And I mean, I live in the community and I hear all sorts of things locally about the positivity of the community hub. Okay. And can I just add that, um, Claire did say that she uses her allotment all year round. So she's done that every day. Okay. Thank you very much for that.

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Thank you very much. Thank you. Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything in response?

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No, thank you. So any comments will be provided at deadline. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Jarvis. I just had one comment on this particular representation is Camden doesn't appear to be in the book of reference clock 1012.

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Could that please be looked into?

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It will be looked into Sir, if we have received a response to the request for information.

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Check with the contracting team and ensure any updates are made as necessary. Thank you very much.

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Right, Miss Gregory, thank you very much. Thank you.

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Right, the time is now just on one o'clock.

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I will

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look to look to hear one or two more, because it's my intention to just have a 45 minute break for lunch, because I'm conscious that we weren't going for the whole morning beforehand. So what I'll do now is the next on my list is Ms F S Caffrey. Represented by Ms. Annette Hassit.

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So, Ms. Hassit to you on the course.

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Thank you very much. Hello. It's Hassit. Hassit. Right Thank you very much. And how long do you think you'll be making the statement just to give me an idea? It's a short letter about two minutes. Okay. Right. If you'd like to proceed then please Miss Hassan. Thank you. I'm reading this on behalf of Susan Caffrey.

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[REDACTED] I'm totally against his project. outside of London Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the UK, at Queen's plans will cause damage to the nearby allotments where I live. There seem to have been two proposals. Firstly, to install their pipes and fibre cables along the edge of the common Milton common is one of the few green areas in the city. It is inhabited by various forms of wildlife.

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It was many years ago, a landfill site which has now have has been a fit toxic waste unknown rubbish and possibly asbestos.

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Then the plan was changed to run these pipes underneath the pavement. How are they going to avoid digging up our gas, electricity and water supply pipes, there has been no report on possible health issues that could arise. The common is also used by dog walkers and people exercising, I will not have access to my property impeded. Furthermore, there has been no dialogue sought by Aquind on these issues. Every person is entitled to live a peaceful life, this will be destroyed.

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The Eastern road is one of the busiest routes in and out of the city. This will cause mayhem to people using the route I would question how they can lay their pipes and cables limiting disruption to one line.

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This would be virtually impossible bearing in mind the size of the pipes and cables. Also the air quality will be at dangerously high levels. Due to time constraints, I cannot continue pointing out the damage

this project will cause to the surrounding areas involved, there are many issues that would need to be covered. In conclusion, this project is of no benefit to Portsmouth and the surrounding area.

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It will cause only great damage to our city. Portsmouth Council and our two MPs are against the project. It is completely at odds with the Prime Minister's statement that he wants our future energy to be produced by wind farms of even more concern is the fact that this company will possibly be able to sell energy at an overinflated price. Just on these particular points, you're getting well beyond the purpose of the compulsory acquisition hearing, and you're almost getting onto matters which may not be actually be part of the examination as such. So is there anything else you wish to point out from the letter or are we coming to the end of the letter? There was literally that last sentence? Right? Okay, then. Okay. So does that mean that you've completed the letter apart from that? Yes. That's great. Thank you very much.

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I just had a couple of questions that you may or may not be able to answer bringing it back to the allotments. I understand that Ms. Caffrey has an allotment holder. Right. And I was just wondering if you knew how long she had had the allotment? No. Right.

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Okay, then so. And if she was a member of the association, and the season of use, and the reference to the community hub, those are all questions that you may not be able to answer. I don't know Viola might know the answer today. It was just to speak to her representative. And that's effectively what what we've done just in the conversation we've had before. So thank you very much for that. It's over to Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything in response? Mr. Jarvis?

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No, thank you, sir. We will respond at deadline a thank you. Thank you. Just one point on this representation. This representation wasn't actually in the book of reference 1014. I wonder if the check could be carried out in the same way as the previous speaker? Yes, that will be carried out. So thank you very much. This has it. Thank you very much for your representation.

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It's lovely. I can see your hand raised. Yes. Miss Caffrey hasn't got an allotment. She was actually receiving the letter because [REDACTED]. As an affected person. Right. Right. interested party. Yeah. [REDACTED] and she letter that she could take part in the ceiling. Right. Right. I must admit that I that that hadn't been picked up. Right. Okay. But thank you for that information. Thank you. And I also in the list on the agenda, Mr. Sidney Dooley was to be heard, I've actually jumped a place on that. And Mr. Sidney Dooley was to be represented by Miss Paula Savage

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Paula savage online, please. Yes, I am. Thank you very much. Right. So I'll take now the representation of Mr. Sidney Dooley, given by Miss Paula Savage. Hello. How long do you think you'll be just before we start off? minutes? Thank you.

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Okay, thank you. Dear sirs, I write to you as being in the book of reference. I'm an allotment holder at Milton Pease allotments Portsmouth. I was born in 1942 and started work at the age of 11 on a milk round at weekends and in the holidays. Throughout my life, I've been a dustman, a 15 tonne lorry driver, picking up fruit from Covent Garden, a Coleman delivering coal around Portsmouth, a shopkeeper and a taxi driver. I have worked hard all my life until I retired and have now had my allotment for 10 years, where I grow my own food for my family, I get a lot out of my allotment, fresh air, exercise, a great sense of wellbeing. Since I found out about Aquind, I'm feeling ill with worry. I'm against ask when trying to take away my freedom as a human being, to have the right to my existence. The allotment is what keeps me going. It's my way of life now. I will be eighty next year, and in my whole life I have never felt so angry or upset about the prospect of losing something that I live for every day. I'm worried about the cable that I think is useless to us. It will not benefit us in any way. You're a billion pound company, you have the money to find another route that will not cause such upset, anxiety, and disruption to many. I want to enjoy my time at the allotment. And to not have all this worry. It isn't fair to any one of us who are feeling such uncertainty. In the words of Sir David Attenborough, the sun doesn't charge us, the wind doesn't send us an invoice, and the sea is free. We don't want or need your cable. We have everything we need. Nikola Tesla, the greatest inventor has shown us the way. Thank you, Mr. Sidney Dooley.

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Thank you very much for that. I'm not sure whether you did mention the 1940s I'm not sure whether you've said how long Mr. Dooley has had the allotment Do you know by any chance? I do. He has had it. 10 years and it is said in the letter. Right. Thank you. Sorry, I missed I missed that. And you know, if he's a member of the allotments Association, I'm not sure. let you know. Well, no, that's okay. I'm, I'm happy to take I don't know, that's fine for my purposes. And then the season of his use of the allotment. I'm sure he's there. When we were talking. He's there most days in the summer. A lot during the day. Yes. Thank you. Okay, I can assume that, that be as all the other allotment holders have said? Can I assume that he takes the same view about the community hub?

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Yes, he's spoken about that. And

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thank you very much for that. Mr. Jarvis. Was there anything in response?

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No, thank you, sir.

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I should just say again, that Mr. Dooley doesn't appear in block 1014 for some reason, if that could be checked.

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That will be checked. Thank you. Thank you very much. Right. I'm conscious that the time is now eight minutes past one. I wonder if I will actually continue. Mrs. Langley, I see that your hand is up. Is that? Sorry. No, no, no, sorry. Okay. Thank you very much.

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So the next on my list is Miss MacFarlane, who is being represented by Mr. Jonathan Walker. So Mr. Jonathan Walker, please.

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I think somebody has left their microphone on.

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This Okay. Yes. Right. So this is the representation given on behalf of Miss Kirsten McFarlane. It is. Thank you and how long do you think you'll be just to give me an idea? It takes five minutes.

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Typical.

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Did you Did you hear my response?

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I can hear you.

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I can hear you and I've lost. Stephen Roscoe. Yeah, carry on Mr. Walk with your five minute presentation.

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Okay, I'll put my camera back on.

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Thank you

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And all parties. I'm an allotment tenant at Milton Pease, and affected person and an interested party.

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After observing the hearings this week, and in order to minimise repetition of statements already made, my deadline as document will provide details and further evidence for this speech. And for my seven a submission.

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I concur with the members of the public and professionals who have spoken at the hearings this week. And I confirm here that one, I reject the applicants change to proposals, methodology and documentation and do not agree that they are adequate, constructive, fair or accurate

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to the issues relating to the compulsory acquisition of rights and temporary possession of the land I have an interest in, have not been addressed or consulted upon properly satisfactorily or fairly. This includes but is not limited to the applicant's plans for the surface, under the surface, above the surface, all the access lanes within the allotment site, and all the access streets across the city that will be impacted by this project and affect my ability to access my allotment.

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The volume of paperwork detailed in the proposals to the subsequent revisions and updates are immense. The quantity of documents doesn't cover up poor content quality.

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The general effective public do not have the resources nor technical capabilities to understand the nature of these documents nor the impact it will have on them.

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Many allotment holders, along with interested parties, landowners and affected people along the entire route, do not have access to documents in the Inspectorate Document Library online. For example, because one they do not have mobile phones. They do not have computers to they can't go to the public library to use a computer there because of the pandemic lockdowns.

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Three, they have mental and physical conditions, which limit their ability to digest and respond to this proposal.

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For they have too many other stress factors, including the pandemic to be able to respond to the threat of yet another development planning application happening in their lives.

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Five English is not their first language, which intensifies the difficulty for the layperson to understand the documents.

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Six One example is a fellow allotment tenant, who came to me last week, saying she's received a letter from Akron, but does not understand it, or what she's supposed to do, or what it means for the future of her allotment. She is intimidated by the applicant but has no recourse. She has no mobile phone, no computer, and certainly no consultation from the applicant.

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documents are written in language that may be appropriate for the project, but not for the layperson. The inaccessibility of the exam process and documents is being used by the applicant to the detriment of the affected.

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The applicant is eroding the opposition down through process.

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A plain English final document would be transparent. To clarify the objectives of the proposal.

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The complex nature of the process undermines public understanding to the point of submission through mental fatigue and anguish.

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The blight that will be caused by this project is much greater than the applicant will admit. I think all residents and businesses along the planned route including all of the city of Portsmouth should be considered as affected persons for the life of the project 40 to 60 years.

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Nothing that has been said so far can justify people being told they are too late to take part in the examination process during deadlines six to eight.

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One, what has the applicant done to consult people that have moved to the affected area in the past years to what if people have recently

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only recently taken on an allotment? Three it seems grossly unfair to me. for newcomers not to have a say about what happens to the land and their lives.

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The project was many years

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in the making, and only came to public knowledge in its nature last year, the impact detriments a significant area of Portsmouth directly with substantial knock on effects to the rest of the city.

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Thank you.

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Mr. Martin, you're on mute.

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Thank you.

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Mr. Walker could ask the same questions as Mr. Roscoe was asking if you're able to answer on behalf of Miss MacFarlane. How long has she had her allotment? Tina? I don't know. She asked that. Any questions should be sent to her in writing.

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We won't be able to do that. But you could pass these on to if you wish, but that's fine.

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You don't know if he's a member of the association, presumably?

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I don't know. I know that she will elaborate on previous statements in in final document just be submitted at deadline eight. That will be very useful. So if you could pass on our invitation for to do that we'd be very grateful for it. Okay. Mr. Jarvis, do you wish to make a response about particularly matters such as recent allotment holders, etc. Anything else you wish to respond to?

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Thank you. So yeah, I would just highlight that we have addressed compensation matters before and what we have done to satisfy and go beyond the requirements of the Planning Act in this regard. With regards to the more recent addition of owners of the allotments, we have previously set out the diligence inquiry processes that we undertook in advance of the application being submitted. In particular seeking information from the Freeholder and also erecting notices around the site to seek information but none was forthcoming. Since then, we have issues requests for information and they have been where information has been provided persons have been added to the book of reference and added as effective person in the same manner, where the applicant has become aware of new persons moving to the area, they have made the necessary amendments to the book of reference in that respect, also in the Inspectorate will be aware that they have identified new persons as affected parties throughout this process. In those circumstances. I would also just add that it is a complex process that we're in we have a statutory framework that we need to follow in terms of satisfying for the purposes of this application. Every effort has been made to present information as non complex way as possible. But we are dealing with complex matters, sir. So there is only so much the applicant can do in that respect. Thank you very much, sir. Thank you, Mr. Jarvis. Thank you, Mr. Walker.

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How we're going to break for lunch now. I'm Mr. Roscoe we'll be back on at two o'clock. So if everybody could be back at two o'clock and a reminder, please for those watching the livestream, you may need to refresh your browser when you come back at two o'clock.