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Dear Madam or Sir,  
I sat in on today's hearing and I thank you for your invitation.  
My objection was read by Paul Savage during the hearing.  
I enclose a written copy for your records.  
Your sincerely, Rachel

I would like to say how anxious and upset I am regarding the proposed Aquind interconnector project.  
I am an allotment holder at Milton Piece. I was overjoyed at getting the plot last year, after being on the waiting list for four years. I don't have a garden or outside space but I love gardening and caring for the environment.  
The realisation that I had space to grow my own veg ( and have veg to give to friends) herbs and flowers, while encouraging pollinators and wildlife just filled my heart with joy. I could have cried the first time I stepped onto the allotment site. It was so peaceful yet so vibrant and bustling with life. It is wonderful to see and hear so many birds there. The site is a haven for wildlife, plants and people.  
Going to the plot has been a great way of getting some exercise and has done wonders for my mental health, especially during lockdown. It is so therapeutic. I have seen so many people enjoying the site and I know how valued and loved it is by the community.  
We must protect spaces like this., especially in a city like Portsmouth which has such high levels of pollution. This Aquind project will only bring more pollution as well as devastation and disruption to the allotment site. This would cause environmental damage as well as damaging peoples' well being.  
It is so distressing to think of the disruption that would be caused to that haven of calm and beauty.  
Please. Please don't let this project go ahead.  
Yours sincerely, Rachel Lajon, allotment holder, Milton Piece.  
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