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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to express my strong objection to the Aquind Interconnector Project being proposed for Portsmouth and the surrounding area. The project will cause untold damage to, and upheaval within, the city of Portsmouth and areas such as Waterlooville and Horndean. My objection is based upon a number of concerns:

- The city is extremely densely populated, with existing poor air quality. I would suggest you come down here on any day of the week and see how that plays out in an island city. It's a difficult place at the best of times to get in and out from. This project will magnify these issues for an unreasonable amount of time. I can't see how this will work as it's bad enough as it is.
- The green spaces around the city are truly valued by the population. Pompey is densely populated and we don't have many green spaces as it is. We all know how important these spaces; especially for a city like Portsmouth. Would you want this impact where you live?
- The project has been designated of 'national significance', which has taken away the involvement of Portsmouth City Council. We should be consulted as this affects our lives and our communities. We just don't want it here. Why don't we have a voice in this?

This Aquind Interconnector has been rejected by all affected mayors and prefects in France. **It is not wanted by Portsmouth MPs, the local council and us who live here.** I urge you most strongly to respond to the range of concerns noted and to reject the Aquind Interconnector Project proposal.

Regards

Richard Frost