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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. The project will cause untold damage to, and upheaval within, the city. My objection is based upon a number of concerns:

- The city is extremely densely populated, with existing poor air quality. Any development on the scale of the Aquind project will cause huge traffic build-up and this will in turn have an impact on the air quality of the city. The last thing the city needs is more traffic jams and the increased emissions this will create. The city is developing clean air zones, in line with government directives, and this Aquind development would have a hugely negative impact. This impact would be particularly high due to the nature of Portsmouth being an island city, with limited access and a high population.

- The green spaces around the city are truly valued by the population. They are greatly used by the local population for recreation and exercise, as well as for education purposes by local schools and groups. There is a range of flora and fauna within these areas that should be protected not disrupted and destroyed. There are many birds that use these areas and again there should be protection and preservation not development. This again links to my comments above - Portsmouth is a densely populated city and it needs this green space. The current emphasis, on the environmental concerns facing all of us, are not addressed in developing this interconnector.

- The project has been designated of 'nation significance', which has taken away the involvement of Portsmouth City Council. It has been developed with seemingly little communication to those who would be affected. Any early correspondence was vague and gave no real clear idea of what was being planned. This, together with a series of links highlighted between the Conservative Party and those involved in Aquind, adds to concern that the project will not be assessed to show the real and serious impacts on the city of Portsmouth, its residents and its natural spaces.

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

Regards

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