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Hi

Firstly, as we are no longer in the EU, I implore you not to engage in projects that make us reliant on other countries for our energy that have the power, and we don't have the ability or the network to now stop, to hold us to ransom to supply the energy, as recently demonstrated with the Channel Islands.

The fact that it's nuclear energy and not renewable energy is also something of a mystery why we would want to be a party to! Why are we not investing in wind farms and solar power here in the UK ourselves!

The above questions notwithstanding, I also ask why is the cable coming across one of the longest stretches of water between France and the UK when it could simply be sited at much less cost and with more rural options to gain entry to the UK between Calais and Dover areas.

To try and come ashore in Portsmouth, the most densely populated city outside of London and still increasing with the ongoing residential building demands from the government, is ludicrous. We don't have sufficient infrastructure now to cater well for traffic numbers, which increase in the winter for football and in the summer for tourism. We are an island with only three main routes on and off that easily become congested and blocked at present. How on earth do we manage traffic with the increased works traffic and major routes shut down because of the path of the cable?

Please, please, decline the Aquind proposal.

Thank you for your time

Kind Regards

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