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To: acquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Subject: Acquind interconnector

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re Aquind's proposed interconnector.

As a resident of Portsmouth I wish to register my opposition to this unnecessary and damaging proposal. Having seen Aquind's responses to the Secretary of State's questions, I am not reassured. I object to the evident lack of consideration of alternatives to this particular route. It is also evident that environmental impacts haven't been fully assessed, Portsmouth is a densely populated city with precious green spaces that are essential for residents physical and mental health. Acquind want to dig these up!! I live next to Bransbury park and walk through it most days as do a lot of local residents, where are we supposed to go when this gets excavated!! All of our councillors and both MPs in Portsmouth and along the proposed route are opposed to the unnecessary Aquind Interconnector. It will not benefit our area at all, only cause untold damage and disruption.

It is simply ridiculous to consider routing this interconnector through the east side of Portsmouth, the trenches will be up to 23m wide. This will mean that at least one lane of the Eastern Road will have to be closed. We have only three main roads in and out of the city and this is one of them. The result will be gridlock. It will do untold damage to residents' lives and to businesses, not only along the route but throughout our city. Yet in 2018 the decision was taken out of the hands of the people who will have to live with the consequences for years to come.

The proposed route cuts through an area of scientific interest at Langstone Harbour, a feeding ground for rare Brent geese that fly thousands of miles every year to feed there.

In response to fierce opposition from allotment holders Aquind now propose to tunnel beneath these allotments but this raises troubling questions about the possible toxicity of lubricants used when drilling and the risk of contaminating the fruit and vegetables people grow there.

Aquind want compulsory purchase powers in order to acquire swathes of land along the route, including 25,000m of woodland near Lovedean where the route ends. There is intense local opposition to this.

In short, this interconnector will cause massive disruption in our already congested city. It will lead to even more air and noise pollution, loss of wildlife habitats, disruption to residents and businesses, loss of precious green spaces and sports facilities.

The residents of Portsmouth know that you have already been publicly endorsing Aquind ahead of the Inspectorate's recommendations! We also know the Conservative Party has received at least £1m in donations from Ukrainian-born Alexander Temerko and a further approximately half a million pounds from the other co-owner, Russian-born Viktor Fedotov. How on earth can you make an impartial decision?

Please consider all of the above and reject Aquind's proposals. To approve this scheme would further damage public trust in your own Party and do untold damage to our city.

Yours sincerely,

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