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For The Attention of Secretary of State KWASI KWARTENG

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you to vehemently object to the AQUIND Interconnector Application. Please review each of my reasons.

Environment. This project will cause untold damage to the environment and community in Hampshire. Having read AQUIND's Environmental Statement – Volume 4 – Non Technical Summary dated 14th November 2019 I would like to draw your attention to section 30 that summarises the affects this project will have. Alongside 2 pages of declaration of significant adverse affects there is one, single, moderate benefit identified. I reject that this amount of significant adverse affects on the environment and the community can be tolerated and I urge you to either conduct or reassess the cost/benefit analysis of this project. This comes at a time where our city, our country and our planet is at breaking point from wildlife destruction and excess pollution. The most densely populated city outside of our Capital has been chosen to accommodate these enormous and unnecessary trenched cables and it cannot, and will not, survive such a trauma.

Lack of information and secrecy. Despite living in Portsmouth and living within 1 mile of the proposed destructive route the first I heard of this abhorrent proposal was from the grass-roots campaign "Let's Stop AQUIND". Why have residents not been sufficiently consulted or even informed of this? I understand this project has been deemed a project of national significance. If I am correct in my thinking then why doesn't anyone know about it? I and my friends at "Let's Stop AQUIND" have spent hours and hours over the past few months trying to raise awareness; which, quite frankly, is not our responsibility. In a society fuelled by social media and "fake news" this is dangerous.

I would like to understand what you would deem as appropriate public consultation and communication as I can assure you the residents of Portsmouth and Hampshire do not feel sufficiently informed of a) what this project is; b) why this route has been chosen and c) what disruption should be expected.

Resilience. Over half the voting population of the UK were expecting Brexit to enhance our resilience and give us the opportunity to be independent and less reliant on our neighbouring countries in the EU. This project promises to provide 5% of the UK's electricity. Has a legal agreement been drawn up with France to ensure that we, the UK, have sufficient influence over the cost of supply of this electricity? Has the maintenance, cleaning and disposal of the French nuclear power plants also been included in this agreement? Please share this information. AQUIND's documentation also state that this Interconnector will enable us to export energy, however I have seen no information relating to this. Surely if we are generating enough energy to export, then we don't need this interconnector in the first place?

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I look forward to your considered response.

Regards,

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