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I am writing to you to object vehemently against the Aquind Interconnector Project. After having read Herbert Smith and Freehills ' responses on behalf of Aquind I feel even stronger in my objections.

It seems to be necessary to remind the SoS again of the devastating impact this Interconnector will have on our city of Portsmouth and beyond.

We live in very challenging times and our planet is at breaking point. May I recommend to the SoS to have a look at the latest documentary by David Attenborough and Johan Rockstroem, "Breaking Boundries", to understand why we, residents of Portsmouth and beyond and our French counterpart (NON a Aquind) are so strong in our objections.

I have been researching this project for the past 10 months, read the Dasgupta report which was commissioned by the treasury and shows clearly that a different approach to nature and therefore to ourselves, as we are part of nature ( AND NOT SEPARATE) is vital.

We need a new understanding and more and more people have become aware of this.

Therefore, the residents have joined together to express their concerns and worries and will continue to do so.

Have you personally been to Portsmouth? We are the most densely populated city in the UK outside London. We have high levels of pollution. Our city has only 3 access road on and off the island.

You must have read all the submissions against this project and realised that this route is absolute nonsense. I am not going to repeat all the arguments against this project as I have done so many times beforehand.

You must ask yourself if you can give this project with a clear conscience the go ahead!!!

Think of a city already at breaking point, residents struggling with every day life, green spaces and habitats under threat, roads already gridlocked. And the list goes on.

We still do not understand the choice of route and neither do our councillors and MPs.

Aquind had a choice, over 20 routes but did not consider a place called Ninfield ( near Bexhill) , nearer passage from France, only 5 miles to the converter station. Why has this been ignored? You also must be aware of the French status? The Prefet said No, the mayors said no, the local residents said no and CRE said no. So why would you give a DCO if France is rejecting the project?

When I started to look into this project , I only objected to the chosen route but I now feel strongly against this whole project. Surely, this is easily understandable when one looks through 2 years of media coverage. Donations have been given, ministers had to recuse themselves from the project and you, yourself have as the Times stated in April this year spoken in favour of the Aquind Interconnector project. It is not too late though to rectify. It is in your hands. You can make sure that justice is shown and no environmental harm and damage is done. What would you say to your children, grandchildren and family if they asked you why you did not listen to the people of your country?

I also had a look at the funding of this project. Why did we only find out who the owner is last August? I researched Companies House. Why are there so many companies with different yet similar names? Aquind Enterprise, Aquind Energy, Aquind Limited? And to top it February 2021 Project Finance Group S A was founded to finance Aquind Limited. It took some time to find out who the owner is as it is a Luxembourg based company. But to no surprise I discover V. Fedetov. Dear, SoS , the company is in negative equity -£38 mill , redeemable shares and voting shares

have been floating around recently, shared between V. Fedetov and A. Temerko. What does it all mean and where will it all end?

We are a democratic country, transparency and openness are key elements of our society. The public is appalled by what has been discovered and is asking for your refusal of DCO.

Let's have a look at some other issues.

Aquind received NSIP status in July 2018. I had a look at this document and sent off some questions to your department as there were missing , not published , letters. I could not get an answer.

We have been asking why this Project was given this status when it has been refused earlier on by the local authorities. Up to date there is no satisfying answer. People of Let's Stop Aquind, have tried to get these answers but had no success.

Aquind promises greener and cleaner energy. You will know much better than I do that about 70 % of France's energy is nuclear. We could discuss if this is more environmentally friendly but Aquind will take the energy from wherever they can? Therefore, we will have no guarantee if this is cleaner energy. Cheaper energy? Aquind is asking for deregulation. Does this mean cheaper? We have no guarantee. Neither can Aquind give this guarantee.

I have to remind the SoS of Aquind's claim that the consultation process regarding this project was satisfactory. Why did Aquind have only just about 150 responses? In the last 10 months nearly 3600 people joined the FB group and many more people who do not use FB have informed themselves through the website

We have woken up and want you to do the same. Perhaps we got stuck to long in the old ways. Perhaps COVID reminded us that we need to speak up for future generations.

While we welcome your apparent refusal to accept Aquind's plans to build a telecommunication system alongside the electricity supply using the huge amounts of spare capacity within the FOC bundle, we sincerely hope that this and your attempt to get greater mitigation for Aquind's destructive construction project, does not mean that you are ready to give approval should Aquind satisfy your demands. The issues are far more serious. We must ensure greater resilience in this and all future projects. Boris Johnson, your prime Minister , asked our country about 9 months ago to become more independent, more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Why do we not invest instead in our own sustainable energy resources e g solar, wind , tidal etc? Brexit has played a vital role in this matter. Should your energy strategy not make sure that Britain becomes more resilient and self-sufficient?

Is our cyber and energy security not at risk? Both MPs of Portsmouth ( Labour and Conservative) seem to think so.

I have spent a lot of time in these last 10 months to reflect upon this Interconnector project and have to admit that I cannot find one single reason why this project should get your approval.

I sincerely hope that you will make the right decision – not to give Aquind the DCO.

Viola Langley

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