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Subject: Objection to Aquind Interconnector Project
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to register my objection to the Aquind Interconnector Project. As I'm sure you are aware there are numerous issues with this project which have been raised by both MPs for Portsmouth and by Portsmouth City Council so I will keep this email as brief as possible whilst highlighting my own personal objections.

1. Portsmouth is a densely populated city and green open spaces are at a premium. The Aquind Interconnector route proposes to cut through an area of Milton Common which has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest which provides a vital habitat for numerous British wildlife and plant species, not to mention an important and well-used green space which is crucial for the mental and physical health of the residents of Portsmouth.
2. This area was reclaimed using domestic and commercial waste in the latter half of the 20th century and these substances are still below the surface posing a risk to public health if disturbed by the Aquind Interconnector. This will also create more waste which will need to be disposed of impacting the environment further.
3. The route out of the city follows one of only two main roads off the island and will severely negatively impact traffic flow for the duration of works. Eastern road already attracts heavy traffic and long queues during rush hour and this will become impossible to manage if the proposed lane is lost. This will also have a negative effect on emissions and air quality.
4. The energy provided by the proposed interconnector will be generated by nuclear power. This is not a green energy source as it creates toxic waste products which seriously harm human health and the environment.
5. Aquind itself has not been transparent around its funding or ownership. It has been traded several times under shell companies, it has been operating at a loss, it has no obvious source of funding and it has donated a considerable amount to the Conservative Party. It has no regard for the impact on Portsmouth or any other place along the route, it has offered nothing to mitigate the destruction it is proposing and appears to be attempting to bribe the British Government in order to push through the project despite the objections of the local government and residents, not to mention objections shared on the French side.

I hope that you will truly consider the objections raised by myself and many others and strongly urge you to reject the Aquind project.

Kind regards,
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