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To the planning inspectorate,

I am writing to you to object to the Aquind Interconnector Scheme and add my voice to the thousands who object.

As a local resident and allotment holder, I am appalled to think of the massive damage and disruption that this will cause to the environment in Portsmouth and beyond. Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in Europe and green space is at a premium. We already have alarmingly bad air quality so the months of disruption that will be caused by its proposed route along the A2030 are a concern for the whole city. This is one of only 3 roads out of Portsmouth and this scheme will gridlock our city, leading to even worse air pollution.

In light of the recent report on climate change, it would be criminal to add to the already high levels of pollution in the city. Access to our green spaces must not be disrupted.

The proposed route will cause untold damage and disruption to Milton Common, one of the most diverse wildlife areas on Portsea Island, as well as to Bransbury Park and local allotments. All these areas are vital spaces for us to live healthy lives from walking the dog and following cycle routes to spaces where families and children get fresh air and play. Disruption and damage to these areas will take a huge toll on residents desperate for the outdoor space that lockdown has shown is vital for our well-being.

Labour MP Stephen Morgan is also campaigning against this issue and has talked in parliament about the murky issues of donations from the company to government ministers responsible for key decisions. This is an affront to democracy.

Penny Mordaunt, Conservative MP for Portsmouth North is also against the scheme.

The Aquind Interconnector is hugely unpopular in Portsmouth and the campaign against it is growing and growing as you will see from the thousands who have signed Stephen Morgan's petition.

Please listen to everyone who is telling you that this project will be a disaster for Portsmouth and prevent this from happening.

You have the chance to be on the right side of history.

Yours sincerely,  
Rachel Lajon.