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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to the Aquind Interconnector Project
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I am writing to let you know how I totally object to the Aquind Interconnector project. I'm usually an easy going person who will just let things happen but this takes the biscuit.

The Route

Totally the wrong place. Who in their right mind would take a cable from Dieppe and go off course by 40 miles to Portsmouth then 12.5 miles through heavy traffic to Lovedean when the logical place is East Sussex where there is already a Sub Station at Ninfield, 4.5 miles in land with less population.

Why would anyone look at a map of southern England and pick the most populated city where they can ruin the lives for 250K Portsmouth residents and thousands more north of Portsmouth. What have we done to deserve this, perhaps they think that because this is a poorer area we don't matter!

The closing of the southbound lane of the Eastern Road will cause chaos for months and for what – profit for Aquind.

The Data Cable

The fibre optic cable was not in the original proposal however Aquind have managed to get such a large communication cable through the inspection stage. To a normal citizen like me it seems to be incredulous but I do not have the influence with the current government as [REDACTED] seems to have.

It is suspicious that Aquind are laying the cable when we have UK based companies who are experienced to lay these type of cables. The cable lands in Portsmouth, home of the Royal Navy and Defence firms along the Eastern Road. It goes up the busy A3 where there was an option to go over land in the very early stages of the planning, when we thought we have any say in our destiny. [REDACTED]

Why is this project been taken out of our hands?

Why was this given NSIP status, [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] and with others had to reclude themselves so we still cannot get the answers.

Why was this decision taken out of our hands when this will damage our City, our air quality, our nature, our leisure parks, our playing fields, our harbour, our trees and our wellbeing for decades, if not for ever.

Why should we lose our green spaces?

The most populated City outside London with people living on top of each other in flats and our green spaces are earmarked for devastation. Brent Geese, Great Crested Newt both protected but obviously not from Aquind. Our playing fields, Bransbury Park, Milton Common, Baffins Milton Rover grounds and the University grounds all taken and some areas, such as the Fort Cumberland carpark taken forever!

What is the insurance for Portsmouth?

The 23 metre cables will go through areas that we know have asbestos. They have taken all the investigation away from our council and other authorities so they do not know our areas.

When they hit asbestos, what is their contingency, how will that protect us, will they pay for the damage to those lives that may be lost prematurely as this is a long term problem.

When they come across unexploded bombs in the harbour, have they contingency plans for this as it will make the project longer than 7 years.

When the area floods during the spring and autumn tides how will they protect businesses along the Eastern Road, as our flood defences will be destroyed during this. Will they rebuild it as it should be as our council is due to improve this area but any scheduled work will have to be stopped during the duration of this destructive project.

When the City's air quality is so bad and the saplings planted to replace our mature trees do not do the job and contributes to the health of Portsmouth people, will they be able to help? No we will have to live with this and our economy will fall as nobody will want to visit our city for tourism, travel via the ferry port and our commercial port will also suffer as haulage companies move elsewhere. What will they do to prop up the fall in this revenue!

Well, I think we know the answer to this and if their cost rise (and they may not now get the massive profits from their communication cable) will they just pack up and leave us to repair the damage at the cost to our Council and other authorities. Aquind's finances are very dubious, they have never done a project like this, they are smoke and mirrors who will trash our City and walk away with massive profits and if they don't see a profit they could still walk away and leave us in a war zone.

Not informing those who will be effected

I and those who have had to find out about this project, as it has been under a cloud of secrecy, think it is disgusting that it has not been communicated sufficiently. I vehemently oppose this project I hope with all my heart that you will oppose this project now that the full implications are rising to the surface. There are still people who do not realise that there is a proposed cable going past their front doors because any communication has been tech speak or nothing at all, and on these grounds alone this should not be allowed to go ahead.

Please refuse this project as we in Portsmouth cannot find one good thing about the project and feel that we are just collateral to make profit for Aquind.

Yours faithfully,

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