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Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng. Secretary of State.

Dear Sir.

I am a resident in the Milton area of Portsmouth and therefore greatly affected by this ill conceived proposal to which I strongly object to.

I am not against interconnectors, they make sense in the correct environmental location. But not to this proposal which will be so impactful on the people and environment of Portsmouth and its entire route to Denmead. I have previously submitted several questions and observations to the Planning Inspectorate examination.

No matter what clever words are used with regards to traffic management plans a simple look at a map of the Portsea Island part of Portsmouth will show 3 main roads into and out of the city. Local knowledge and recent history shows that the closure of lanes/ roads into or out of the City on any one of the routes causes gridlock to the other two.

The huge size of the trenches required, distance between the pairs of cables, associated cable joint bays, haul roads to cater for the amount of Abnormal loads required to service the project will be extreme to say the least. This is not just the city but the main A3 corridor to Denmead.

The mitigation offered in this proposal is in my opinion is abysmal when considering the huge loss of trees, wildlife habitat, sporting and recreational green spaces. I don't think it can ever be compensated for. How long does it take to grow a replacement tree??

The proposer recently proudly advertised on their website that it will save £3.15 per year on household energy bills. For all the carnage and havoc this project will cause to local residents, tradesmen and visitors that is £0.86 pence per day....Surely a very unfunny joke. A number of investigative journalists from various media outlets have recently reported on the history, structure, funding of the project along with political funding to HMG. I sincerely hope that HMG will undertake a Due Diligence of this proposal.

The communications between the proposer and affected people has not been easy, despite changes from the original plans. As can be seen it is littered with the use of highly technical, legalised and corporate speak with loads of cross referencing which makes it very difficult to understand or follow.

It is also very unfortunate that the Planning Inspectorate's recommendations are only made available to the public on the release of the SofS decision. The public and obviously opposing local government therefore cannot make comment on the recommendations.

My personal main area of concern is that of Milton Common a lovely area of natural beauty. The proposer still maintains to have 3 options across it. Via the PI I have asked them why? They have responded that they are awaiting 'detailed design'. For that read they haven't got a clue what is buried underneath this reclaimed landfill site from the 60's. No one has. The same can be said for the allotment sites. Whilst they propose HDD as mitigation, no one really knows what is there. This has caused undue fear and concerns to allotment holders with disruption to their plots.

Secretary of State, this is a poorly ill conceived proposal that must be rejected out of hand in order to protect the habitat, wildlife, traffic nightmare, people's well being. We are as a society hopefully coming out of covid lockdowns and Portsmouth doesn't really need this intended carnage on our roads and green spaces.

Please reject this ludicrous proposal.

Thank you.

Ian Daye.

Sent from my Galaxy