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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to the Aquind Interconnector Project
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Dear Secretary of State

I would like to make clear my total objection to the proposed interconnector cable.

I moved to Portsmouth 19 years ago to attend University. After graduating I decided to settle in the city, since then I have married, become a home owner and started my own business. I have never been involved with local politics or protest groups in the past but I love this city and the serious harm this project will cause concerns me deeply.

I am sure that you have made yourself aware of the main concerns that have been raised:

- The environmental damage that will be caused by the installation of the cables.
- The ongoing environmental damage that will be caused by the operation and upkeep of the cables.
- The major and long-lasting disruption to the second largest of only three routes in and out of the city.
- The politically sensitive nature of becoming more dependent on France for power supply (I strongly supported the Remain campaign but now the Tory leadership have brewed such a hostile relationship with the French Government over Brexit negotiations only an idiot or someone with an ulterior motive would support this initiative).
- The level of corruption involved to have allowed this application to have been progressed to this point. As a government official tasked with looking into an application it should be a given that if you have received financial support from the Applicant, you should recuse yourself immediately rather than only when you are called out on it.
- The lack of consultation with the local communities. My wife and I have been working to raise local awareness over the last few months but when we started, literally nobody we spoke to knew anything about it.
- The suspicious nature of Aquind. Have they any experience of building such a structure, it's my understanding that the company has never completed such a project or indeed any other projects at all to date.
- The risk to national security over the data cables that will apparently be built alongside the interconnector by a company owned by a man with links to the Kremlin.

While I strongly support the aim to reduce the UK's CO2 emissions, I do not believe this project is the most effective way to achieve this goal for the investment required. It seems purely to be an example of corrupt government officials selling out the country they are elected to protect to unscrupulous foreign interests in exchange for personal financial gain. If this project is given the go ahead, I think the national media will start to come to

the same conclusion.

I have a generally low opinion of the moral integrity of the highest levels of Government in this country. I look forward to your response and do hope that you can give me reason to be more optimistic in the future.

Yours Sincerely

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