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**Sent:** 15 September 2021 20:23  
**To:** Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Aquind

Dear Secretary of State,

I am emailing to voice my objection to the routing of the Aquind interconnector through Portsmouth.

Whilst not in principle against interconnectors per se I am horrified at the route that is planned for this interconnector. It will cause nothing but chaos and damage to the already densely populated, congested and polluted city of Portsmouth.

The fact that all of the city's politicians of one accord are against the AQUIND project speaks volumes. Everyone knows that it will be a disaster for the city, damaging our very few green spaces and clogging one of the main arteries in and out of the city. If you knew our city well you would understand what effect this project would have. There is even talk of enabling AQUIND to issue compulsory purchase orders on property. Let me tell you that if you go ahead with this sort of arrogance you will never see a conservative politician succeed in Portsmouth for many years. Do not be complacent about your support - Portsmouth South is an example of that!

AQUIND have behaved with arrogance ignoring alternative, less disruptive routes suggested and insisting on this one.

Why? Is it the scarcely mentioned data cable that they planned to incorporate which makes this route so attractive? I was glad to see that you have asked them to take it out of the equation. However what concerns me most as a conservative voter and should concern you as a senior conservative politician is the

mist of corruption that hangs over this whole affair. Basically the whole thing stinks! To actually hear one Of the directors of AQUIND boast about being able to topple a Prime Minister because he has so many conservative politicians in his bag is nothing short of scandalous.

No wonder people are so distrustful of politicians when very clearly money buys influence. By donating to a politician, any money making project you want to undertake, no matter how unpopular it is with the general public will be received favourably.

This is thinly disguised bribery and you and the politicians who are involved should be totally ashamed of yourselves.

It is the people of Portsmouth's lives and quality of their lives that you are dealing with here.

I strongly urge you to do the right thing and reject the project.

Yours

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