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On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, the SoS, Kwasi Kwarteng put back the decision for the Aquind Interconnector Project till 21.October, a 6 week delay. And why?

He wants more details about Fort Cumberland car park and Lovedean Sub-station in connection with the proposed commercial Telecommunication System.

It may seem encouraging to us objectors that this part of the project is in jeopardy. But why has the SoS not highlighted the following, more important, issues?

- Health of residents of our city and further along the route
- Air pollution
- Threats to habitats and wildlife
- The release of toxic materials from landfill sites
- Possible damage to the allotments
- Possible damage to the Milton Nature Reserve
- Damage to the marine environment and marine life
- Traffic chaos
- Impacts on local businesses
- Deprivation of recreational use of land
- Temporary or permanent loss of green spaces --- and the list goes on.

The huge negative impacts on our local environment have been stressed again and again by our MPs , councillors and a growing number of residents.

We have still not had any response from the SoS to our alternative route from France (Hautot sur Mer) to Ninfield( near Bexhill). Why has this been totally ignored?

How does the SoS deal with the Cyber and Energy Security issues which this project threatens? Can we afford to take risks at this time?

France has expressed a strong NO to this development. The Prefet, the mayors of the impacted region, some MPs and residents have rejected the Aquind Interconnector. Why would we want to impose such a damaging construction project on Portsmouth and environs when the clear message from both sides of the Channel is NO?

What is the point of granting a DCO if the French reject it?

So many questions remain unanswered.

Let's consider some basics. Firstly, are we not obliged to put the environment at the centre of any infrastructure project? There is scant regard for local environmental issues in the application to trench through Portsmouth, "mitigating" all issues as they are met. Just recently a new FoI disclosure of another lobbying letter from Alexander Temerko to Kwasi Kwarteng, relating to Aquind, was highlighted by George Greenwood, journalist, asking the SoS to urge Ofgem to speed up its regulatory process so that Aquind could apply for approval more quickly.

Should a company director ask for favours when the SoS should be unbiased in the process of decision making? Do we know if this request has been granted?

How can we meet Climate Change targets when we are threatened by this damaging project which could last up to 5-7 years? There are alternatives and they need to be considered.

Are we to be forced to accept an undemocratic process which benefits private individuals rather than us residents? Has the SoS the moral integrity to see the injustice of this proposal? If so, the decision will go one way. Refusal to grant consent to Aquind to destroy our City and countryside.

But what about us? What about the local authorities and residents?

We want to delay it indefinitely. We want to stop it all together.

So, dear Kwasi Kwarteng, can we count on you to consider our predicament and turn down this application? There are so many arguments against this interconnector. Please find a less damaging

and more suitable means to satisfy our energy needs. Sustainable, affordable and morally supportable.

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The Times has highlighted a letter sent by Alexander Termerko to the SoS to speed up the process of exemption in an attempt to influence the outcome of the application.

It shows how difficult it is for us to expect a fair and unbiased process.  
What chance have we got when there are such underhand activities taking place?

Is this not another example of connivance between Aquind and a minister of our government?

Here is the link:

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