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Subject: Response to SoS questions answered by the Applicant. Deadline 1st October
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In response to the Applicant's answers to your request for more information, I'd like to make the following observations.

The Applicant is treating you, the SoS, us, Portsmouth residents and finally the democratic process with disdain.

Firstly, Aquind have no regard for your integrity, Mr Kwarteng, expecting you to accept their responses as the best they can do. This is dishonest. They can certainly do away with the ORS at Fort Cumberland Carpark. It is not needed should the FOC be solely used for monitoring and control. Have you, dear SoS, asked for the technical assessment which states ORSs are required? Due diligence requires you to ensure no unnecessary extra capacity is built into the system for future exploitation by third parties. At the very least you should insist ORSs are removed entirely from the scheme. Do not have the wool pulled over your eyes dear SoS!

Secondly, are Portsmouth's residents to be ignored? Universal rejection of this scheme must be considered in the decision. We should not be forced to endure the pollution and disruption which construction of this scheme would create!

Thirdly, local politicians and MPs have continually rejected the absurd concept of ripping apart a City to satisfy the greed of a private company's directors/owners.

The clear disregard of a direct cross-channel route from Dieppe to Bexhill cannot be justified. Shorter submarine cabling and much shorter distance on land from beach to Substation. Why has this been ignored?

There are so many reasons to refuse this application. Please Mr. Kwarteng. Do the right thing. Stop Aquind.