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Subject: Aquind proposed interconnector project
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Dear Kwasi Kwarteng & Planning Inspectors

I am writing to register my objection to the proposed Aquind interconnector project.

My family & I live directly on the route of this proposed project in Widley, just outside of Portsmouth. As I understand it, the cable will run along our road on the opposite side of the road from our house, though my husband & I have always found it incredibly difficult to understand the information sent to us by Aquind & until recently were unaware of the entire route & impact of this project on Portsea Island.

My objections to this project are many. Firstly, I am deeply concerned about the impact in our immediate area. We live on an extremely busy road (London Road) which connects Portsmouth & Waterlooville. The smallest road work in this area causes severe disruption, with tail backs right into Cosham close to the QA hospital which serves a huge area including Portsmouth & beyond. It is a major bus route (no 8 First Bus) which my daughter & I rely on to get to & from school & work in Portsmouth, & which makes several stops in the hospital grounds (vital to those working in & visiting the hospital). Our house has suffered from subsidence in the past, will these works cause damage to our property? Presumably, the hedgerows opposite our property will be dug up to lay the cable, causing unnecessary damage to local wildlife & much needed vegetation on this busy road. I am deeply concerned about the noise, traffic & air pollution that will be caused during the digging for the cable & subsequent works. I do not believe Aquind have been open, honest nor frank with residents & property owners about this. I also seem to remember some mention of a building related to these works that will be built in the field opposite us, behind the allotments. I am deeply concerned about the disruption this project will cause to Widley.

Furthermore, I strongly object to the planned route through Portsea Island, which will cause serious disruption to traffic & residents daily lives. The utterly unnecessary destruction of precious habitats & green spaces which are particularly vital to this densely populated island city truly horrify me. You cannot appreciate how cramped Portsmouth is & how much the green spaces are valued & desperately needed. The laying of cable on the Eastern Road will severely impact the other routes into & off of Portsea Island. When one of the routes is affected the city soon becomes gridlocked.

Lastly, I object to the wider implications of this project. The reliance on nuclear energy in the French system will be nuclear through the back door for us here in the UK. Surely this is contrary to UK commitments & the Government's rhetoric around renewable energy? Residents in France are also opposed. The issues of national security, Russian involvement in this company & links between this company & Tory donors are deeply troubling though not in the least bit surprising from this Government. I have not wasted my time nor energy by contacting my Conservative MP Alan Mak as he has never done me the courtesy of replying.

Though I fear this project is already a done deal, I hope against hope that the genuine fears & concerns of residents, local authorities & Portsmouth's two MPs will not only be heard but truly listened to & that this unnecessary & destructive proposed project will be rejected.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Emma Devine

