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Subject: Aquind Interconnector France to Lovedean via Eastney and through other heavily

populated area

Hi,

There is a planning application with your department in respect of an electric cable linking the UK National grid to France.

The Aquind proposal is to route the cable plus a commercial data cable through significantly populated areas.

There are a number issues with this.

The major disruption and distress people in the affected would have to suffer for a number of years.

The loss of land, which is required to meet the Government housing targets.

I am aware there are a number of proposals for a connector from France to the UK and France has stated only one can be connected.

There will be a future requirement to replace parts of the cable due to external or other issues. As the information age continues to grow, the size or design of their data cable will result in the need to replace it, so the matter, which will affect the if the planning permission is granted will occur again.

With the current route, which Aquind refuse to change, will seriously affect environmental and wildlife.

There is a suitable route from France to the UK, which will affect no one in the UK.

Near Bristol there are two areas, Oldbury and Berkeley. Located in each of these area, Is a decommissioned Nuclear power station. Irrespective that the power stations no longer produce power, the infrastructure still exists to directly connect to the National Grid.

I am aware the consultation period is over, but this information has recently been communicated.

I hope this can be taken into account as the disruption caused should be classed as unacceptable.

Regards

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