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To: The Secretary of State Kwasi Kwarteng

Dear Mr. Kwarteng

Whilst my letter is shorter than the many you will have received it comes at no less concern feeling than this cannot go ahead, I urge you Sir to take these concerns seriously and firmly reject the Aquind Interconnector Project as it's currently named. Forgive my simplification of this but I see this from two main angles. There's the political side of relying on another Country for some of our Energy. That could and is a massive worry because of the threats, the inability or want to guarantee supply and at a price that would be unacceptable. Yes we see what's promised but reality and long term practicality I think is very hard to bare. As a great Country and having the skills and motivation we can and should be working to build our own infrastructure.

My more immediate and close to home concern is Aquind's Application to destroy our City and surrounding areas not just for the time it takes to hack through the City, unnecessarily but for what it will destroy forever. It will destroy the native habitat along the Eastern Road, allotments, open area by the shore. It will involve going through an unstable area where there was landfill, still giving off gases and unknown materials, perhaps asbestos we do not know, nor do the Council. Investment in cycle paths and routes will have been lost and for the many months reduce access through one of the only three routes into the City. Extreme heavy traffic will be mainly be routes through only one of the other two main routes as an ill conceived Clean Air Scheme is introduced the West's main route into the city, the M275 and central city area.

This is a heartfelt plea to try and persuade you that this proposed Aquind Interconnector is one of the most ill-conceived and destructive 'plans' that I, as a responsible, native inhabitant of the UK, have seen in many, many years.

To even consider letting a zero track-record company remove numerous listed trees; rip up the city access on the eastern shoreline of the most populated peninsular on the south coast; cut through an important area of scientific interest on Langstone Harbour; dig its way through the densely populated London Road and East Hampshire countryside; adding to already high pollution levels and creating many months of traffic chaos, all for the sake of bringing Non-Eco friendly nuclear power from France to our shores, is quite simply, an absolutely ludicrous scheme.

The sheer depth of public opposition rapidly growing in this area, really has to be seen to be believed. As the local people here digest the full details of the disruption that will be caused, the majority cannot see that there is anything at all to recommend this plan. It would also appear that our French counterparts on the other side of the channel are also vehemently against this scheme as well.

If you consider that bringing Non-Eco friendly nuclear generated electric power from France to our shores, against the current Tory Party Policy for the supply of 100% sustainable green energy in the UK by 2030, is actually essential, I would point out that there are several, far less disruptive schemes, involving much less populated routes and different connection points to our national grid, that have been put forward.

Also, I am very concerned that the provision of an Open-Access Data Link, as added to the latest version of the proposal, as well as being dis-allowable under the terms of a DCO, could actually threaten our National Security, as it would provide another link into our country's data network that the MOD relies on for the defence of our realm.

Quite apart from my main objection on environmental grounds, I also firmly believe that, if this project is given the go-ahead from your office, the Tory Party will suffer in the long run, with local Tory members losing a massive amount of local public support and possibly even their seats in Parliament.

I urge you most strongly, to firmly reject this Aquind Interconnector Project proposal.

Yours Sincerely
Martin Cullimore



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