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Dear Mr Kwarteng,

I am extremely concerned about your involvement in the Aquind Interconnector Project. On the Andrew Marr show broadcast on 10.10.2021 you stated clearly in relation to Aquind “ I never commented on this specific project”.

This contradicts what you previously wrote in a letter addressed to Mr. Termerko, one of the owners of Aquind, on the 3rd October 2019.

I quote: “Dear Alexander “(Termerko).....” We will reiterate our continuing support for all the projects that we supported for inclusion on the list. This of course includes the Aquind project.”

“We have written to the Commission to reiterate our support for a number of projects including, of course, the Aquind project.”

Does this contradiction not prove you are unable to make an unbiased decision relating to the awarding of the DCO to Aquind?

Indeed, your contradiction may even be construed as an outright lie. In this case should you not consider resignation? At the very least you should recuse yourself from the Aquind decision?

This comes, on top of the cronyism evident in the vast sums of money paid to the Conservative Party and some of its MPs by Aquind and its owners.

Surely, this is too much to allow a fair deliberation.

We, the people of Portsmouth and people living along the proposed route deserve an answer to these questions.