From:
Aguind Interconnector

Subject: Objection to the proposed Interconnector between France and Portsmouth

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Dear AQUIND Interconnector Case Team

I strongly object to AQUIND's plan to route the interconnector from France through Portsmouth to Lovedean.

You will be aware of a number of factors already but I would like to reiterate that it is absolutely bizarre to bring this cable ashore at Eastney and then route it along the Eastern Road. This is one of the busiest roads in the south of England and is one of only three major arterial routes into the city. The level of disruption would be unbearable upon our already creaking infrastructure. To add to this the proposed route runs alongside Langstone Harbour which is designated as a SSSI and could potentially harm these habitats and damage the migration of the already threatened Brent Geese. There has also been significant sea defence work along the same route which would be undermined by the laying of this cable.

Right from the start AQUIND has bullied Portsmouth residents. I can't think of a more thoughtless act than sending solicitors letters to residents, many elderly and frightened, asking them to provide details of land and home ownership. The AQUIND accounts show a lot of expenditure and no income. We know that some of this money has ended up in the UK Government's coffers. I find this appalling.

I sincerely hope that the UK Government rejects this plan completely and in doing so proves that it is genuinely interested in transparency and fair play.

Yours sincerely

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