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My letter.

I find it unacceptable that you have had to defer this decision yet again! The applicant has had ample time to answer your questions on clarification of details for this potentially catastrophic project. Perhaps the £1,400,000 donated to your political party, by the owners of the applicant, buys them extra time?

I vehemently oppose the proposed project, and demand that you reject the application in full.

A catastrophe is defined as an event that "causes sudden and great damage, or suffering", which, in this case, will be as a result of trenching proposed through the eastern side of Portsmouth and continue on a further 12 or so miles to the designated substation site at Lovedean. The applicants' need to implement any Compulsory Purchase orders will in itself impact local innocent homeowners who have committed themselves and their families to live their lives where they have chosen. Is it right that the greed of a company of DUBIOUS personnel and financial foundation, can override the freedom that the British way of life has nurtured in all of us over the years?

This City of mine is overpopulated and living under the cloud of a level of air pollution second only to London. This is in fact the reason why the government instructed Portsmouth Council to implement a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) this year, which they have done this month. How can this be reconciled with the real increase in pollution that this project will bring into play. With the increase of heavy diesel driven plant, machinery and haulage heavy vehicle exhaust emissions, coupled with the extreme increase of carbon monoxide resulting from the ensuing traffic congestion. Why would it increase? you might ask. Because what YOU PERSONALLY might authorise will entail cutting off one lane of one of three arterial roads in and out of the city. Thousands more vehicles in rush hour will be sitting, engines idling, for anything up to 2 hours EXTRA a day. They will pump out more emissions than the CAZ saves. The Council's own statistics show that WITHIN the City boundaries, 0.6 Billion miles were travelled by all vehicles (2019). How can you live, knowing that YOUR decision will impact badly on the health of vulnerable young and elderly occupants of Portsmouth, possibly shortening their lives irrevocably. Don't their lives matter?

Green healthy spaces in Portsmouth are limited and at a premium. Milton Park where the trench will cut through is a designated Wildlife area. The belief that digging up swathes of land and putting the top soil back, with some grass seed on it, will restore it to its former condition is ludicrous! We have seen pages and pages of tests and reports submitted to the Planning Authority explaining how this will work. Under that topsoil is a massive landfill site, which has buried there toxic materials, layers and layers of asbestos. Do you know how dangerous a few particles of that material ingested is? Do you? I have known people that have died with lung cancer and emphysema, the pain and suffering they endured and the long lasting pain left with their families after their passing.

Many residents of Portsmouth have written polite, forthright letters asking you to look at alternative sites, with good logic and reasoning substantiating that request. I cannot add anything in addition to their well researched pleas to common sense.

Many residents of Portsmouth, buoyed up by comments aired by some of your colleagues, have written to you explaining their concern firstly of a foreign country having sway over our electrical supply. Having already witnessed Frances' threat to Jersey. Already using electricity as a political weapon. Secondly voicing their concerns that a proposed large Fibre Optic Cable (Communications Cable) by the owners of Aquind, Fedatov and Termerko, is likely to be an issue and a matter of National Security.

Why aren't we developing wind and sea generated electricity further. That's what the Prime Minister promised. He said increasing the size of wind farms was a priority. There are other locations better suited to routing the cables. Why are we even considering this when we should be looking to do as Boris Johnson said.

Let me sum up as succinctly as I possibly can. Everything about this project smacks of an agenda based on personal greed by the owners of Aquind and the people now obliged to support them, Everyone knows about the owners through The Pandora Papers. I believe in Portsmouth and its residents. They have a god given right to live in a healthy environment. Portsmouths Council have a right as our elected representatives to have a say, not now, but at the very beginning.

Aquinds proposal merits no further support by you Mr Kwarteng. You should have recused yourself and acted honourably. Reject the proposal and gain some credibility for yourself.

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