

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Fwd: Portsmouth objection
Date: 18 November 2021 11:42:50

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am unsure why I haven't received a response to my previous objection, so I am objecting again.

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

It is 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. The £1,400,000 donated by the owners of the applicant quite frankly stinks, and deferring this decision treats local residents as if they are completely ignorant, with no awareness of the cronyism and sleaze at play here.

12 miles of digging in the most densely populated and polluted city outside of London is quite frankly preposterous. It beggars belief that any of the people involved in this have actually ever been to Portsmouth. They would know that there are only 3 routes in and out. When the government has instructed Portsmouth Council to implement a Clean Air Zone (CAZ), which they have done this month, how on Earth can you be considering a project such as this which will increase pollution so significantly due to the heavy vehicle exhaust emissions, coupled with the extreme increase of emissions resulting from the ensuing traffic congestion from cutting off one lane of one of the three arterial roads in and out of the city. Thousands more vehicles will be sitting, engines idling, pumping out more emissions than the CAZ saves.

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.

Not to mention the compulsory purchase orders that this scheme could authorise. Are the people involved in this decision aware of the housing crisis in the most densely populated city outside of London? Where are they suggesting that these uprooted people would go?

Not to mention, using electricity as a political weapon. France has already been explicit in saying it intends to politicise energy supply and use it as part of future negotiations. They have openly stated that this will involve switching off supply. Why would we ever rely on such a scheme?

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.

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.

Portsmouth residents have a right to live in a healthy environment.

Aquind's proposal merits no further support on the above basis. We ask again that you Reject the proposal and respond to our objection.

Mrs Emma Ashdown and Mr Daniel Ashdown

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From: **Emma Ashdown**

Date: Sat, 10 Oct 2020 at 09:18

Subject: Portsmouth objection

To: aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Dear staff,

I want to object in the strongest possible terms about the Aquind plans for the following reasons:

- 1) Lack of clarity and specificity from Aquind and overly-complicated/technical, ever-changing plans. i.e. Allotment plots weren't being affected and now they are at risk of being cleared with trees removed and sheds etc being knocked down. It seems that they are being intentionally vague so they do what they like. We are not legally trained and it is difficult to understand what is happening to us
- 2) If this goes ahead the affect on wildlife, pollution/traffic levels in the surrounding area and physical and mental wellbeing may be catastrophic.
- 3) During a pandemic (and possibly future spikes/pandemics), it is a terrible idea to invade one of the few green spaces and places where people are allowed to safely meet. It is further a terrible idea to remove green spaces in an already over-developed city.
- 4) It is morally bankrupt to impact on so many people's lives (many elderly or with disabilities) in this way I'm afraid it's a case of a big corporation bullying allotment holders and our community.
- 5) There are other route options that have less impact even though they might affect profit!
- 6) The potential removal of the community allotment whih falls in the purple zone is completely unacceptable given that (already disadvantaged), sections of the community depend on it for independent living skills, respite support and personal development.

Thank you for your time

Mrs Ashdown