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I am writing to you to register the strongest possible objection to this proposal. It will cause continued disruption to the most densely populated area of the UK outside London.

The island city of Portsmouth has only 3 roads connecting it to the mainland. I have lived beside one of these roads for 31 years and have seen how a breakdown, accident or roadworks can quickly cause long tailbacks with traffic backing up and then blocking other roads in turn as drivers divert. It literally can cause the city to come to a standstill.

This traffic chaos does not just inconvenience drivers, it has huge consequences for air pollution levels which are already dangerously high in the city. It will impact on the local economy as workers, consumers and deliveries are delayed or unable to get through. It impacts on emergency services and those trying to access the city hospital in the north of the city.

Having just hosted the COP26 conference, surely it is incumbent on us to protect our natural environment - this proposal will damage our wildlife, precious green spaces and areas of special marine habitat.

As the city, along with the rest of the country, struggles to recover from the impact of the pandemic, Aquind would be the worst possible project, in the worst place at the worst time. If this project were to go ahead in the face of overwhelming opposition from all sides of the political spectrum, the people of Portsmouth and the surrounding areas will be left in no doubt that local democracy was sold out to the interests of those rich enough to buy political influence.

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