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To whom it may concern:

I would like to register my VERY VERY strong objections to the Aquind proposals. Others, including both our local MPs, the City Council and hundreds of local people have written far more eloquently but these are some of my concerns and are in no particular order:

1. The power imported from northern France would be nuclear power, this is NOT. green energy

2. Importing power from another country would make us liable to economic & political 'blackmail'. Look no further than the problems caused to European imports of Russian gas & the workings of Gazprom

3. Aquind is a 'shell' company with no income, other than from very suspect sources and has no record of any civil engineering expertise or experience

4. Aquind via its directors and financiers has made very large donations to the Conservative party, both to MPs and Ministers and even boast of the power they therefore have over Tory politicians

It is impossible to see how any decision in favour of Aquind made by the Minister concerned could be seen as anything but the result of bribery and corruption.

5. Portsmouth is a small, very overcrowded island city; bounded by harbours & a southern coast, it is frequently affected by sewage pollution. In addition, vehicle emissions are dangerously high.

Any development by Aquind would raise pollution to unbearable levels.

6. Traffic incidents at major junctions within the city can cause gridlock for hours. If the already over-used Eastern Road, one of only three roads in & out of the city, is curtailed by the proposed works, gridlock would ensue, perhaps on a daily basis.

7. The Aquind 'trenches' would run parallel to the shores of Langstone Harbour, Langstone is a designated SSSI, home to many protected species including Brent Geese, Terns, Harbour seals, oysters and many varieties of plants. The effect of such work would be devastating to our precious wildlife.

8. Much of the proposed route will pass through an area which was once the city 'tip' and is known to contain asbestos and other dangerous substances, including methane gas generated by the contents. How could the Aquind activity safely deal with these elements without endangering the health and even lives of all those who live nearby?

9. The unscrupulous Aquind proposals can only harm our city and will do no favours to the rest of our country.

As I wrote above, Portsmouth is a small, over-crowded city; it has few green spaces. Destroying some of these, including long established and much loved allotments will not only damage the health and mental health of too many of my fellow Portsmouth citizens but also cause havoc to our local economy.

PLEASE say NO to Aquind

Yours faithfully,  
Judy Snaith