From:

Aguind Interconnector

Subject: Concerns about the aquind proposal Date: 08 December 2021 16:32:45

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Aquind interconnector development.

As many others are, I have serious concerns and questions about the entire project, the route, the environmental impact, the way it's gone completely over local authorities, the delay in central government to make a decision, the lack of impartiality from the person's making the decisions in government, the funding of the project and finances of Aquind.

A cooperation agreement between PCC and Aquind has been requested. Why, when PCC does not want to have this project in Portsmouth and they have already been overridden? Councillors and both MPs - Conservative and Labour are openly against this project. Why has the local democratic process been ignored?

Portsmouth has experienced flooding in last few days. What surveys and actions have and plan to be taken to ensure any work from Aquind, doesn't exacerbate this problem? Kwasi Kwarten can not be unbiased. There are 2 letters in which he openly supported the Aquind Interconnector. What steps will be taken for this, and can decisions from biased people be challenged?

When Alan Whitehead, Shadow minister for energy and climate change met with local citizens, he clearly indicated that the Aquind Interconnector is not needed. There are enough other interconnectors, already built or under construction. Why can't these existing lines be used?

The French local government has already rejected this proposal from Aquind, so I am confused as to how this project is still in review of there's no way it can even connect to France.

This is without even discussing the impact it would have on the wildlife in the rural and coastal areas along this proposed route. Or the traffic/pollution it would cause by affecting one out of the two main roads into the city.

This project needs to be rejected immediately! Based on the small amount of information I have, it clear that this shouldn't have ever progressed this far. I hope a decision to halt this is made quickly and hope to hear all of the concerns I have mentioned, and any concerns raised by others affected by this proposal.

Yours sincerely, Julie Brown