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I wish to state that I am a local citizen in Portsmouth and I oppose the Aquind interconnector project for a wide range of reasons. Not least the fact that my local authority are opposed to the project, as is the case, I understand it, in France. Local authority and local communities must be listened to and central government must understand this. In my view it would be undemocratic for the project to be granted planning permission.

The company involved would appear to be at best murky. The project is not needed as there are already a range of interconnections available. The project could put at risk national security in the UK. The current SOS is clearly not independent and is on record as being in favour of the project, and as such should remove himself from any decision making. The fact that the current government has received payments to their party from individuals connected to Aquind also muddies the water further as reported in the press.

The project would cause significant and unnecessary disruption and would also cause significant disturbance to nature across the very few green spaces we have on Portsea Island where citizens can enjoy unspoilt walks in nature. We have already had, and continue to suffer significant disruption due to new sea defences and local people and our wildlife do not need further unnecessary disruption. In addition during the current covid lockdowns people need somewhere to take exercise in the fresh air and the project would significantly impede access to our Eastern shoreline which is currently unspoilt with designated nature reserve areas that would be adversely affected by the project which is unwelcome and not needed.

Finally both parliamentary MPs locally are opposed to the project and as our elected representatives should be listened to. Local people do not want the project and planning should be refused on such grounds.

Signed

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