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Here are my objections:

1. The SoS asked for a cooperation agreement between Portsmouth City Council and Aquind. PCC does not want to work with Aquind but has to. This is undemocratic. Our elected council must not be coerced.
2. You need to pay attention to the precarious nature of our island city. Look at the floods in Portsmouth during the last few days. If Aquind starts digging in these conditions, which seem likely to become more regular, even more chaos will ensue.
3. There is a National Security risk and the risk of paving the way for unwanted commercial telecommunication cable piggy- backing on this unwanted scheme.
4. Kwasi Kwartan can not be unbiased. There are 2 letters in which he openly supported the Aquind Interconnector. Plenty of proof already on his bias.
5. Pandora papers highlighted by the BBC showed huge donations to the Conservative Party, £1.5 million.
6. Local authorities, all councillors and both MPs in Portsmouth, Labour's Stephen Morgan and The Conservative's Penny Mordaunt (both of whom have had Defence roles) are both against this scheme. How can they be legitimately, ethically and morally be ignored? Local and national democracy are threatened.
7. When our Stop Aquind representatives met Alan Whitehead , Shadow minister for energy and climate change he clearly indicated that the Aquind Interconnector is not needed. There are enough other interconnectors , already built or under construction. This begs the question, why Portsmouth?
8. The French local government has rejected it.

I look forward to your reply.

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