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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to express my objection to your proposals to install electric supply cables through Portsmouth, Farlington, Denmead, Waterloooville and Lovedean.

I have lived in Portsmouth all my life. It is a great place to live. However, after London, Portsmouth is the second most congested city in the UK. Your proposals would mean blocking off part of the Eastern Road (for an unspecified period of time). This is one of only three routes in and out of the city, so any kind of closure would cause complete traffic chaos. Not only would this make life extremely difficult for residents of Portsmouth like me going about their daily lives, but it would also impact on the emergency services needing to drive in and out of Portsmouth.

I worry about the detrimental impact that the installation of cables would have on the local environment. The construction work would affect local birds such as the Brent Geese, not to mention hundreds of other species of birds, amphibians and insects living along the route.

In addition, allotment holders who live along the route would be adversely affected. Some of these people have had plots for many years. Now, more than ever, we should be protecting our green spaces. These allotments provide food for some, and for many, an oasis of calm.

None of the political parties in Portsmouth support the Interconnector, and so in the name of democracy these plans surely cannot be given the go ahead. The 6,200 signatures on the petition submitted to Parliament are a small percentage of the actual number of people opposed to the scheme.

Economically the plan does not make sense as it threatens to endanger Portsmouth's economic recovery from the pandemic.

Yours sincerely,
Annette Orsmond