

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to the Aquind Interconnector EN020022
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the latest proposal from Aquind regarding installation of the parallel cabling from Lovedean to Eastney, Portsmouth, and on to France for the following reasons.

Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the country outside of London. Any installations of the kind proposed would take years to install at the rate specified in the consultation document. Should the work go ahead, there would be years of traffic jams on our island city, as roads would inevitably be closed, and traffic is redirected to other busy roads. Air pollution would increase manyfold due to traffic being at a near standstill.

Roads outside of Portsmouth city are also very busy, and will suffer the same fate.

Farlington Avenue, which leads from the Havant Road to the top of Portsdown Hill, is a very narrow, busy road with houses on both sides of it. Should the proposed work be carried out there, residents on both sides of the road would have trenches dug outside of their front doors, with extremely difficult access to their homes. This is unacceptable.

Farlington Avenue has a school on either side of it, the infant school to the east, and the junior school to the west. Many families have children in both schools. They come from north, south, east and west. Digging parallel trenches as proposed would make the journeys to and from school treacherous. Lives will be put at risk. This is unacceptable.

All of us who live in [REDACTED] have the right to live peacefully in our homes, have safe access to school, and to go about our daily life free from harm. Any trench digging here would mean the road to be closed, and vehicles using this route in and out of the city having to find other alternatives, therefore adding to further congestion on those roads.

I object to the cabling being dug along the top of Portsdown Hill, ruining precious green space in the north of the city. Any work here on the scale proposed would be to the detriment of humans and wildlife alike.

The Langstone Harbour area from Farlington to Eastney, including Milton Common, is a site of Special Scientific Interest. Any disturbance in these areas, such as is proposed, must not happen. There are laws in place that prevent their violation, and must be adhered to. It is a criminal offence to do otherwise.

With rising sea levels, the Eastern Road and Milton Common are being flooded more often, as happened again only last week. Portsmouth City Council are in the process of building sea defences here and around the city. The proposed trench digging would put all

this in jeopardy. Our low-lying city is at risk of being flooded. We already have 3 pumping stations across the city working to keep it from being under water.

A telecommunications cable could have an effect on national security.

Alan Whitehead, Shadow Minister for Energy and Climate Change clearly indicated that the Aquind Interconnector is not needed, as there are enough other interconnectors already built or under construction.

Kwasi Kwartan cannot be unbiased. There are 2 letters in which he openly supported the Aquind Interconnector.

The Pandora Papers show huge donations of around £1.5 million. to the Conservative party. This shows they have an interest in the project. Anyone involved in this must be recused.

Both Portsmouth MPs, all city councillors, and local authorities are against the scheme.

Local democracy is threatened.

The French local government has rejected the scheme.

For all the above reasons, Aquind's plans for this city must never go ahead.

I trust you reject their proposals once and for all.

Yours faithfully,

MRS. JANE CARTER

