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How can any decision be made regarding permission to proceed and Compulsory Purchase Orders when no final permission has been granted to the project in France?

Others have suggested that, if an interconnector is truly in the interests of the country, that the route via the Ninfield Substation is viable and not so disruptive.

I am extremely concerned about Mr Kwarteng's involvement in the Aquind Interconnector Project. On the Andrew Marr show broadcast on 10th October 2021 Mr Kwarteng stated clearly in relation to Aquind "I never commented on this specific project".

This contradicts what he previously wrote in a letter addressed to Mr. Temerko, one of the owners of Aquind, on the 3rd October 2019. I quote: "Dear Alexander "(Temerko)....." We will reiterate our continuing support for all the projects that we supported for inclusion on the list. This of course includes the Aquind project." "We have written to the Commission to reiterate our support for a number of projects including, of course, the Aquind project."

Does this contradiction not prove he is unable to make an unbiased decision relating to the awarding of the DCO to Aquind?

Indeed, his contradiction may even be construed as an outright lie and he should consider resignation, or at the very least recuse himself from the Aquind decision.

This comes, on top of the cronyism evident in the vast sums of money paid to the Conservative Party and some of it's MPs by Aquind and it's owners.

Surely, this is too much to allow a fair deliberation.

We, the people of Portsmouth and people living along the proposed route deserve an answer to these questions.

Regards

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