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As a Portsmouth resident I am writing to register my opposition to the Aquind interconnector. I cannot understand why the proposed route was chosen, travelling as it will through one of the most built-up cities in the whole of the UK. In doing so it will cause extensive damage to one of the few remaining areas of the natural habitat-the one that runs along the eastern side of the city. It will also potentially cut off one of the three routes into the city for a protracted period of time. Already we suffer from potential gridlock at peak traffic times and if access is reduced to only two major roads this risk will increase considerably.

Luckily, I do not live along the proposed route and I do not envy those who will if it goes ahead, knowing the wattage of the current that will run close to their homes. I do however, have an allotment that will be affected and knowing the extent of the flooding on the site, I cannot believe that the drilling and construction will not add to this problem.

Portsmouth is a multi-party area: a lib-dem led council, one labour MP and one Conservative MP and all have come together to object to this plan. They all believe the cable is not necessary and could in fact prove to be a future security and economic risk for the country. Why then is this still being considered? It has been rejected by the French regional government but we in this country have a SOS ,supposedly unbiased, who in the past has openly supported the bid. The SOS is also a member of a party that has been given a great deal of money by the owners of Aquind. This unfortunately points to an extremely high level of conflict of interest.

So I would ask the planning authority and the SOS to please consider the needs of the 250,000 residents of Portsmouth and the voices of our local democratically appointed leaders and refuse the Aquind interconnector application

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