From:
To: Aquind Interconnector

Subject: FROM: Robin Whitting: Reference Proposed Aquind Interconnector Ptoject.

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Dear Kwasi Kwarteng MP

It is with some incredulity that I find myself, a normally mild-mannered individual, sitting down to put pen to paper, because, if reports and stories in the local and international press are to be believed, I now need to actually try and persuade you that, in the case of the Aquind Interconnector proposal, the correct and honourable course for you to take would be to either recuse yourself from having anything to do with the final decision, on the grounds that you are a self-confessed and therefore biased, interested party; or, simply, in the light of the almost total opposition to this ill-conceived, madcap scheme, from both the affected French population in Normandy and also the English inhabitants of Portsmouth and its close environs, come out and prove yourself to be a true statesman and declare the whole ridiculous scheme dead in the water.

As a now retired individual, inherently I believe honest and actually proud of my country, I have been unsuccessfully racking my brains to remember a Westminster government in power since the war, that has been so affected by stories and rumours of Sleaze and Corruption, as the current one formed under this Conservative Party leadership. Your personal allegiance to the Aquind Proposal is now, demonstrably, a matter of record, as is the phenomenal amount of money that has been passed sideways to the Tory Party and its members.

This is definitely I believe <u>not</u> something to be proud of and I would sincerely ask you to refuse this ill thought out proposal from Aquind on the following practical and moral grounds --

- 1) The disruption and chaos this ill-conceived project would cause to this heavily populated area would be absolutely catastrophic in its affect and have a lasting detrimental legacy for many, many years.
- 2) There are several alternative, far less disruptive routes for an Interconnector Cable to France, should one actually be deemed necessary.
- 3) Portsmouth has one of the highest levels of pollution of any South Coast City this proposal would only increase the level further.
- 4) There is already a united opposition to this scheme right across

the political spectrum in this country and also in France. To allow this would I believe in due course actually decimate the support in this whole area for the Conservative Party.

Yours Sincerely Robin Whitting