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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to proposed Aquind Interconnector, Portsmouth
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Dear Sir,

I understand that a decision is due to be taken on this project very shortly, and as a Portsmouth resident I wish to register my strong objection.

This project would cause huge disruption for the city of Portsmouth and its residents, with major roads and important open spaces dug up, resulting in increased traffic congestion in an already congested city and the destruction of popular recreational areas, one of which I walk in regularly. It would destroy important habitats in Langstone Harbour for birds and other wildlife. It is opposed by Portsmouth City Council and by every local councillor. Neither of the two local MPs support the project. If it goes ahead it will be riding roughshod over local democracy. Several interconnectors between Britain and France already exist, and by the time this one is due to be operational it would probably be redundant. The French government has already rejected it.

Recently the Pandora papers have revealed that the company and its co-owners have donated well over £1 million to Conservative MPs in recent years, and it is further alleged that one of them has been engaged in corrupt practices in his business dealings in Russia. This casts a shadow over the transparency of the decision-making process on the current project.

I would urge that the unanimous local opposition to the proposed project should be taken seriously and this application should be decisively rejected.

Yours faithfully,

Miriam Sampson

Dr Miriam Sampson