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To: acquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Subject: Objection to Aquind Planning Application

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My family strongly object to the Aquind Interconnector application on a personal level and for the larger community of Portsmouth and the surrounding areas.

Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the UK outside of London and thirteenth in Europe. Our precious green space is invaluable to the lives of the people of Portsmouth from all walks of life - residents, allotment holders, families and for the well-being and mental health of the most vulnerable.

Our green space is already rapidly dwindling due to the pressures of building new homes. The area in question is outstandingly beautiful and is home to most diverse wildlife, flora and fauna.

More importantly the people of Portsmouth are going to be mostly affected for years by the disruption to day-to-day running of city life – transport chaos, environmental impacts, health and business disruption.

On a personal level this space is critical to our daily life – my son is severely Autistic and this is the only space in our local area that we can access daily with our son. It's our safe haven and without it we cannot imagine how our life would be without it.

Green space is paramount to mental health and we implore you to consider the well-being of the most vulnerable in society over the profit & wealth of Aquind.

All political parties in Portsmouth are united and against this scheme as well as our French neighbours. It makes no sense to allow this proposal.

The UK government should be investing in renewable energy – tidal, wind etc. and being self-sufficient.

We urge you to reject this scheme on moral and ethical grounds over the financial political and business gains.

Yours Sincerely,

The Winslade Family.