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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my objections to the proposed Aquind interconnector.

There are many reasons to object to this project, not least that it has actually already been defeated once. Why are we having to go through this again?

The proposed route will cause destruction of wildlife habitats and green spaces. Portsmouth itself is the 4<sup>th</sup> worst congested city in the UK and has the largest population in such a small area within the British Isles. It's a great city, with great heritage, but it is polluted and gridlocked by traffic, which will only be made worse by more building work down the Eastern Road, one of only three main access routes onto the island. This will affect tourism, businesses and ordinary people attempting to get to and from work or just generally lead their everyday lives on Portsea Island.

Digging up allotments and closing green spaces that are desperately needed on the island is also shocking. Not to mention digging up whatever waste is contained under Milton Common. We are already battling with water companies poisoning our waters, so disturbing a delicate marine habitat on top of that is also unacceptable, including disturbing migratory bird life.

None of the local political parties want the project to go ahead. But I also believe the project has been rejected in France too, with 14 mayors of the area affected having expressed their opposition to it.

I think we all watched with interest the 2021 Panorama program that revealed the financial activities of the owner of Aquind. Surely more needs to be asked about who actually benefits from this project, and I very much doubt it is the people of Portsmouth or the UK as a whole.

You should not be able to force such a destructive project on the people and habitats of the south coast.

Yours sincerely

Sarah King

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