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Sent from my iPad. I am writing to protest against the purposed Interconnection cables in Portsmouth and environs. We are the most congested city outside of London in terms of population living on a very small island with only three roads off and on. The Eastern Road is already well over pollution limits and will be almost unusable while work goes on, this will impact on the other two roads leading off the island. The works will take up a large part of the road with two cables being laid at different times and during the night next to some residences. This will continue for seven years according to Aquinds statements. On one side of the road there are ongoing fortification works to add to the chaos in a small area. Aquind intend to invade allotments, Eastney Beach, Residential areas, a vital main road, Nature Reserves, Sites of scientific interest and all in spite of opposition from the people who actually live here. There is a great worry that a lot of the land in question has a history of toxic materials being dumped here to excavate here in proximity to residential building is foolhardy in the extreme. Aquind as a Company has had no prior experience of a project of this kind, Operate as a shadowy shell company and have historical links to Russian Oligarchs. They have stated that the works will take seven years during which time we should instead be building on our wind and solar power to make us independent. They intend to sale the data cable on to a third party after three working years. How is this compatible with meaningful democratic decisions the representatives of Portsmouth can make? Environmentalists know that once an area has been subjected to invasions of this kind nature does not automatically return our green spaces are as important as energy, this Project rides roughshod over all of this not in pursuit of community benefits but private monetary gain. There are many logistical and environmental reasons why this should never go ahead but I beg you as a resident who knows these spaces and this City to think hard about the Justice of inflicting this on us both morally and environmentally instead of making it second to private interest in this case. If this goes ahead this part of Portsmouth and environs out to Lovedean will never be the same again. S Beach