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Good afternoon,

I would like to express my objections to the Aquind Interconnector project.

The proposed works have a potential of delaying the defence works in Portsmouth. Flooding is becoming more common in Portsea Island and its residents' wellbeing and residences should be prioritised over the proposed project.

It is being said that the benefits of this project outweigh the adverse effects, however, as a Portsmouth resident I fail to see this being true. First of all, the company initiating this project is part owned by a Russian Viktor Fedotov who has been shown to be a heavy donor to the Conservative party. This is clearly a

Secondly, Portsmouth is a densely populated city and a project of this scale would have a huge impact on the resident daily lives. The traffic impact would imprison the residents in the island making commute impossible. It would reduce the air quality in a city that is already heavily polluted, potentially creating a health hazard.

It would potentially displace some people from their current residences in a city where finding a place to live is already a challenge and remove some of the allotments whilst also impacting the only nature reserve we have in the city.

Eastern road being one of only a few routes into the city would heavily impact the traffic in and out of the island. Portsmouth college is mostly accessed through Easter road, making it harder for the students and their parents to get to the facilities. Only a couple of years ago the city considered implementing the bicycle route over the same road and the plans were scrapped due to the huge impact it would have had to the people getting in and out of the city.

To top all of it, the impact it could have on resident property is not assessed anywhere in this project. The residents may not only be imprisoned by the traffic and all the construction work this project would generate, but also by the inability to sell their properties, since it is very likely that interest in Portsmouth would drop, never mind the impact on the local business this could have during the project duration.

To surmise, this project will have a large effect on Portsmouth and its residents as well as the surrounding areas resulting in residents losing out financially, reduced air quality, commuting disruptions in an already crowded city, the loss of green spaces, the interruption to the sea defence and many more.

Thus, I strongly object this project.

Kind regards,
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