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I understand that you are currently reviewing the AQUIND Interconnector project. I do not know if this again includes considering objections from the public or not, but in the hope that it does here are my objections: -

- 1) The proposal includes handing powers currently administered by the local authorities to the developer. This cannot be in the interest of the people of Portsmouth and the surrounding areas.
- 2) As a result of this project the UK will depend on France for part of its power supply. The war in Ukraine has shown that countries need to be as self-sufficient as possible, and this project does not move us towards self-sufficiency.
- 3) This project uses Nuclear Energy and I believe we should only be investing in Green Energy projects where at all possible for the sake of our children and theirs etc.
- 4) Portsmouth is already a very busy city. This project will ground the city's roads to a halt for months during its installation. This is not in the interest of residents, those who work in the city, businesses, or tourists.
- 5) The project appears to be developer proposed and developer led and as such has not been subjected to normal tendering practices which have been set up to protect the UK and the public purse. Covid experiences should make us wary of such shortcuts where time is not of the essence.
- 6) Should the project be allowed to go ahead then the objections raised by Portsmouth City Council should be taken on board and remedied.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Mills (Portsmouth Resident)