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Good evening,

The isle of Portsmouth only has 3 roads on/off. When one of the arterial roads has an accident, car breakdown then it can take upto two hours to travel less than 4 miles. This affects access to the local a&e/super hospital. It affects workers trying to get there and patients get delayed. This is just normal day. Add in the football and Victorious Music Festival. Which bring invaluable income to the poorest coastal city/area, which is also the most densely populated city outside of London. If access is restricted to the island because the inter connector is going down the Eastern Road, it will also affect businesses and supplies to the supermarkets. In already hard times the closure of businesses will be accelerated, increasing unemployment, and decreasing house prices. Effectively holding the island to ransom.

Portsmouth green spaces will disappear further, through temporary holding sites, massive ground trenches and the heavy vehicles. Habitats which have remained intact lost forever. The pollution will increase harming our children, our future.

Social possibilities reduced all for the sake of maximum 5 % total energy production which if relations with France deteriorate can be switched off in France at moment's notice. The U.K. should be building their own reserves, building storage not go hand in hand with a company run in significant part by a senior Russian Businessman. The home of the Royal Navy is here but this could potentially cause a security risk.

In short because if the government is not willing to invest in British industries, infrastructure, then the government just proves again they talk a lot but their policies and priorities are not for the good of the people. In short Portsmouth area will no longer be Conservative anywhere.

Short term gain if it did get built, will result in long term pain for not only this area, people, businesses but for the whole of the population of the U.K.

Your choice but letting a "bully" of a businessman run the building and control of the Interconnector, will shred the last bit of confidence in the current government, to truly think/care/plan.

Regards

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