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To Whom it may concern.

While I appreciate that energy security is an important national focus, digging up green spaces and roads in our city seems like a completely counter-productive and messy solution. Surely a better alternative exists than to dig up so much of the east side of Portsmouth and beyond that will result in less disruption? What of the economic impact to our city while the works are active? The Eastern road is a major route for commuters in and out of the city, and green spaces are at a premium on the island of Portsea. This is a lengthy project that will continue to impact the city for the rest of the decade - if the estimates on completion are to be believed. It will remain a blight on the area for years.

Furthermore, any exemption which the project has been granted regarding pricing regulation sounds like a sure-fire financial headache later down the line for subsequent governments to deal with and will surely result in costs yet again being passed on to consumers for the national grid to import electricity at an unregulated rate. I urge you to think of the consequences for future consumers.

If we truly believe in our capabilities as a nation in the technological sphere, we must be capable of being more innovative and self-sufficient than relying on French nuclear power as a crutch, because of our own delayed updates and construction of new nuclear power stations. We can surely do much better than this ill-devised and disruptive project.

Don't dig up Portsmouth for the sake of this project.

Yours Faithfully,
David Seaman