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To whom it will concern,

I, as a proud resident of Portsmouth who has lived here my whole life, am completely in objection to the AQUIND Interconnector project.

The environment is something very important to me. When I was younger my parents would take me to Langstone harbour and Milton common for walks as a family. More recently, I walked to Milton common every day during the COVID-19 lockdowns. It is also an area that is very important in terms of habitat for wildlife, Langstone harbour is one of the last places in the UK that Siberian Brent geese migrate to. If you could to Portsmouth you will not fail to notice there incredible beauty and what they mean to the local people. If this project goes ahead they will be in danger. When I went to collect petition signatures to oppose the project, I was talking to a member of the general public who said that they were her favourite animal and that she was very disappointed that they were in danger.

I would also like to point out that the electricity provided by this cable would not be meeting the UK's goals of renewable and "home-grown" energy on either count. If they UK is to truly be the inspirational, climate conscious nation we plan to be this project cannot go ahead.

I think it is essential to take into account that there is a large quantity of dangerous waste including but not limited to asbestos in the soil of Milton common. Another local resident says that after seeing what people dumped there she believes that ground should never be disturbed again. It would be a risk to human health to dig through Milton common and no amount of energy is worth that.

If you have ever visited Portsmouth you will know that we are a very congested city. The blocking of access to the Eastern Road that would caused by the project would lead to greater congestion on the three roads onto the island. This would lead to even higher levels of air pollutants including CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub>. Studies show that increased exposure to air pollution can have horrific consequences for human health including but not limited to increased risk of CHD and low infant birth weight

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Yet another way in which this project would pose a threat to human life.

I have faith in the planning inspectorate that you will make the right decision and this is why I am appealing to your humanity to please STOP AQUIND.

Kind regards  
Eve Mellor

Sent from my iPhone