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Sent: 14 March 2023 17:39
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to the proposed Aquind interconnector, Portsmouth.

Categories: Consultation Response

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you to object to the **Aquind** Interconnector Scheme and add my voice to the thousands who are appalled at the damage that this will do to Portsmouth.

As a local resident, I am appalled to think of the massive damage and disruption that this will cause to the environment in Portsmouth and beyond. Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in Europe and green space is at a premium. We already have alarmingly bad air quality, so the months of disruption that will be caused by its proposed route along the A2030 are a concern for the whole city. This is one of only 3 roads out of Portsmouth and this scheme will gridlock our city, leading to even worse air pollution.

Green space is at a premium in Portsmouth. As you will see from the ONS Bulletin, 'UK Natural Capital: Urban Accounts', South Hampshire has the least green and blue space of any of England's built up areas.



The proposed route will cause untold damage and disruption to Milton Common, one of the most diverse wildlife areas on Portsea Island, as well as to Bransbury Park and local allotments. All these areas are vital spaces for us to live healthy lives, from walking the dog and following cycle routes, to spaces where families and children get fresh air and play. Disruption and damage to these areas will take a huge toll on residents desperate for the outdoor space that lockdown has shown is vital for our well-being.

Don't just take it from me. Below is a brief list of objections from Conservative MP Penny Mordaunt.

"Today I handed in my petition against the **AQUIND** Interconnector Scheme to the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

This petition delivers the views of thousands of my constituents today to BEIS regarding **Aquind**.

It will:

GB Make the UK less resilient

🤔 Politicise energy supply

📄 Disrupt #Portsmouth's recovery

🌳 Damage our environment.

👤 For no benefit to energy consumers.

#StopAquind"

Labour MP Stephen Morgan is also campaigning against this issue and has talked in parliament about the murky issues of donations from the company to government ministers responsible for key decisions. This is an affront to democracy.

The **Aquind** Interconnector is hugely unpopular in Portsmouth and the campaign against it is growing and growing as you will see from the thousands who have signed Stephen Morgan's petition.

Please listen to everyone who is telling you that this project will be a disaster for Portsmouth and prevent this from happening.

Yours faithfully,

Graham O'Neil

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