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To whom it may concern,

We are writing to vehemently oppose the construction of the Aquind connector here in Portsmouth, on the south coast of England.

The first objection concerns the environment; Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the UK with only 3 access roads and is already the 4th congested city in the UK. Any work on one of the access roads on the eastern flank of the city would exacerbate this problem causing gridlock on the roads. It would also cause the destruction of wildlife habitats on Milton common, with migratory birds like Brent Geese found there and also expose toxic waste on the Common. In addition, the plan would interfere with wildlife habitats in the allotments along its route as well as disturb marine habitats along the coast.

Apart from the environmental impact, one must consider the health issues. Not only would the ensuing pollution be detrimental to people's health, but by taking away green spaces and playing fields, this would adversely affect the mental health and well-being of the people who would normally use these spaces. This is without mentioning the effects of electromagnetic field emissions near people's houses.

It is important to highlight the stance in France. 14 mayors of the area where Aquind's interconnector is planned are against it Aquind lost its appeal for status as a Project of Common Interest.

Last, but not least, crucial questions need to be raised about the funding of the project itself- why have so many donations been given by Aquind and/or its owner to the Conservative Party and MPs, for instance? Is the company viable to run such a huge project and where does the money come from? These questions and more have not been satisfactorily addressed.

We urge the inspectorate to take these objections, as well as the thousands made by fellow local people, into account and to stop Aquind's proposals now.

Yours faithfully,

Heather & António Meachem de Brito