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I confirm my objection Aquind's proposal to construct an Interconnector from France to Denmead in Hampshire.

Firstly, Viktor Fedetov and Alexander Temerko have both donated to Tory funds. This surely is a conflict of interest with the Government. The former has been under investigation in the past for corruption - this is not acceptable. Whilst Temerko has been a UK citizen since 2011, he persists in denying links to Russia, despite having previously held the position of Russian Defence Minister in his past. This cannot be trusted in view of untruths by Temerko.

The Pandora Papers revealed negative off-shore activities, which is a concern regarding the funding of this particular Interconnector.

Secondly, this proposed route would undoubtedly severely disrupt this city island's life in so many ways and why wasn't this built to Lee-on-the-Solent when that Interconnector was built?

The length of time to construct the Interconnector would mean traffic disruption for this city, with one main route considerably reduced, the remaining routes would be very much over-used and cause further congestion. Local businesses, having just about recovered from Lockdown would again struggle, unnecessarily, to survive. Absolute havoc would be caused if the Interconnector was built at the same time as the proposals for building on the Tipner site. The city would, very literally, come to a standstill.

The allotments by Eastney Lake/Locksway Road would be disrupted, which means, that in the current economic climate, those who grow a considerable amount of their own food, in order to contain their finances, would not be able to do so. Some individuals would certainly not be able to eat properly, thus affecting their health and well-being.

Wildlife along the route is very likely to be affected. Portsmouth is proud to have species of birds that winter here, as well as species that make this area their home all year round. The environment would seriously be affected. This includes marine life. We need to preserve the Nature Reserve on the proposed route; years have been taken to establish this - NOT for it to be cast aside. Future generations certainly wouldn't benefit from the loss of such a valuable asset.

Kwasi Kwarteng, together with our own MPs, local press, local Council, and local people were against this project. Whilst Kwasi Kwarteng is no longer in the same Government post as prior to Aquind's Appeal, little else has changed regarding this city!

There appears to be no direct benefit for Portsmouth and the surrounding area, and the National Grid has become extremely quiet on the issue, bearing in mind the proposed Interconnector would "hook up" with it at Denmead.

It is also understood that the French people do not want this Interconnector either, and they too, are fighting against it. They have been against the proposal since its inception.

The Channel Islands have already been held to ransom over the provision of energy via an Interconnector. If the UK becomes, in time, energy self-sufficient, we will not need this Interconnector and would not therefore have threats of withdrawal of energy made against us.

Yours faithfully

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