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As an allotment holder at Eastney Lakes Portsmouth with a registered property interest I wish to object to the Aquind project for the below reasons.

First the alternative ElecLink interconnector scheme from France through the Euro tunnel connecting to Sellindge National Grid in Kent came on stream in May 2022 so it renders the need for the Aquind interconnector scheme obsolete.

Second the published Aquind financial accounts show insufficient funds to meet potential legal compensation claims that will arise from residents and businesses along the proposed route on land from Portsmouth to Lovedean and allotment holders for air pollution, noise pollution, and ground contamination /pollution.

Third there is a deep concern on security grounds as to the Aquind (a Russian funded entity) proposed fibre optic data transmission cable running through Portsmouth close to the Royal Navy base and local private sector defence establishments.

Fourth the adverse environmental impact on the wildlife at the allotments in the event of construction works.

Fifth the beneficial owner of Aquind is Viktor Fedotov and as a Russian who derived his wealth from business interests in Russia could potentially or possibly be subjected to sanctions by the either /or the USA or EU or by the UK which raises doubts as to the economic viability of the Aquind interconnector project.

Sixth – given that this scheme planning process has been proceeding slowly and the fact that a General Election is to be held in the UK in 2024 or early 2025 a change in Government could possibly result in this scheme being aborted.

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