



11th. March 2023

National Infrastructure Planning,
Temple Quay House,
2, The Square,
Bristol, BS1 6PN.

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE. APPLICATION BY AQUIND LTD. FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE
AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT**

I object to the whole proposal in its entirety.

I do not believe any electricity cable of this sort is necessary. France no longer has the infrastructure to provide enough electricity for its own country.

Furthermore, any cabling of this sort should not be installed anywhere near homes and schools; there are concerns that EMF would emanate from the cables through the ground, and put the health and lives of residents and pedestrians at risk.

Of particular concern is where the cables would be laid directly outside the homes of people living in Farligton Avenue. This is a main thoroughfare for the children and parents who walk up and down that road to and from Solent Infant and Junior Schools. The EMF would be a daily hazard for them, and any other pedestrians.

It is known that EMF from underground and undersea cables has a detrimental effect on wildlife. Part of the proposed route takes in Langstone Harbour, which is a wildlife haven and an SSSI. Many species of wildlife are already under threat. We must protect our wildlife for future generations before it is lost.

I understand, that having read Aquind's literature, it would take a week to lay only a few metres of cabling. Therefore, should the proposal go ahead, it would take years to complete from start to finish.

Portsmouth is a densely populated island city with only 3 roads on and off the island. The roads are heavily congested at the best of times. In the result of a lane or road closure, or an accident, not just the city, but a large surrounding area outside the city become gridlocked. Where it is proposed that the cabling runs in or along any road, such scenarios will occur, resulting in excess pollution as vehicles take longer to travel to and from their places of work. Fewer people will want to visit our already impoverished city because of not wanting to waste hours in gridlock. Businesses which have

already been hit hard by Covid-19, will close due to further loss of income. Many more livelihoods are at risk.

We must not have life in our city grind to a halt for several years.

I object in particular to any cabling being laid along Farlington Avenue. It is a very narrow road. The whole width of the road would be needed for the 2 parallel cables. Where would they be laid? In people's front gardens? Although Aquind have stated that any work carried out here would be done in the school holidays, the amount of time needed for laying the cables would be far longer than a 6 week summer holiday! The works would be much too dangerous for families trying to negotiate them to and from school. IT is a HEALTH AND SAFETY NIGHTMARE!

I need vehicular access to my home in Blake Road, a cul de sac off Farlington Avenue. If the works pass the end of Blake Road, I would be denied access to that very necessary amenity.

Portsdown Hill Road at the north end of Farlington Avenue is also extremely busy. Closing this road for cabling would create more congestion and pollution elsewhere.

Installation of the proposed cabling would destroy the new sea defences on which Portsmouth City Council has spent millions of pounds.

I cannot stress enough what a thoughtless and damaging proposal this is to everybody living in and around the city of Portsmouth. I trust that you refuse Aquind's application in its entirety.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. JANE CARTER