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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Aquind Project proposed for the provision of high voltage cables from France to England via Portsea Island (Portsmouth) and to refute some of the untruths in the "hand bills" currently being displayed.

- a) The impact on Portsmouth will NOT be huge, it impacts upon a narrow corridor of land to the east side of the island much of which is undeveloped or is coastal infill.
 - b) The trenchworks will be up to 20 metres wide. Not true
 - c) For much of the route tunnelling is going to be used anyway.
 - d) Some property will be subject to compulsory purchase orders, that's nothing new, and would have been true of the construction of the M27, A27, M275 and Eastern Road, the Railway and pretty well every infrastructure project from which we benefit.
 - e) The works neither threaten precious green spaces nor the shoreline wading birds nor the Brent Geese. They have happily co-existed with the contractors currently carrying out the Sea Defence Works, if it gets a bit noisy they fly off, then they come back again. The proposed route does not burrow beneath Langstone Harbour anyway. You can see birds resting at any grassed sports ground in Southsea, there isn't anything particularly special about Milton Common from the perspective of a goose.
 - f) "Trenching Chemicals threaten the allotments" What are *Trenching Chemicals* ? **No such thing.** If they mean slurry, that's wet clay, organic and harmless.
 - g) "Pollution caused by the construction will choke our city". Nonsense. The works are being carried out by the coast, the amount of plant involved is going to be as nothing compared with the machinery used at the Sea Defence Works or that which is emitted daily from ships in the port.
 - h) Aquind Limited is owned by Soviet-born oligarchs ? And most of our oil is owned by despotic middle-Easterns or corrupt Nigerians and our gas by Putin. So what ? I'm not sure we can afford to be picky.
- If it's a choice between more gas powered or nuclear power stations here, or purchasing surplus supplies from France, I know which sounds more sensible.

I trust you will dismiss this desperate NIMBYISM for what it is,

Yours Faithfully,

Julian Le Good

