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I would like to place my objection to the Aquind planned project in Portsmouth. My objections are based on the following issues:

- Medium and long term taking over of public spaces used currently by families for outside recreation, in a city so densely populated these locations are really valuable and not taken for granted
- Long term lane closures of main roads in both residential areas and on arterial roads. The Eastern Road is a vital route in/out of the city (only three to get on/off the island of Portsea) and disruption of traffic will cause health issues due to raised pollution
- Road closures will also hugely impact the local economy, with lost work hours with people stuck in traffic, delays to business deliveries and more
- Planned works on areas of the city that were once refuge dumps in the 1940s-1960s, where materials such as asbestos, heavy metals and more are known to be buried but nobody know where, so planning and contingencies are impossible
- Disruption to the Milton Locks nature reserve, a vital resource for city children to visit and learn about their natural habitat (only nature reserve in the city)
- Damage to the local environment due to tunnelling (and associated chemicals used in the process), with it happening close to areas with special designations (SSi, nature reserves, etc.). Digging also happening next to endangered areas of saltmarsh and sea grass meadows
- There is no measurable benefit to the city and it's people from the project or from Aquind
- Other routes were not seriously explored

Best Regards,

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