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Sent: 11 March 2023 17:47
To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Private citizen and local resident objection to the Aquind interconnector scheme.

Categories: Consultation Response

Dear Planning Inspector,

I write in respect of Aquind's plan to land an interconnector in Eastney, Portsmouth.

I am supporter of electrical interconnectors with Europe as a means of developing a more efficient, less costly, more energy secure and lower carbon grid.

However, I am against the Aquind project.

Why.

Firstly, the voice of route, passing up through the densely populated 'island city' of Portsmouth with all the disruption that will cause is madness. Better sites to land exist further East and would add little to the length and cost of the ultimate connection to Lovedean. In contrast, the disruption and associated local costs will be massive, especially on the Eastern side of the island from which there are only 3 roads off. The strength of local opinion on the matter is clear and comes from across the political spectrum as well as from grass roots community groups.

Secondly, there is a lot of smoke arising from how the decision is being reached, with massive donations to the Conservative Party and to individual MPs/constituency parties. This leads to the conclusion that at minimum, such donations give superior access to lobby and frankly, give rise to the supposition that actually corruption is taking place. This is especially so since the primary sponsors of the scheme have little experience with interconnectors but do come from countries with corrupt politics.

On moral, economic and practical grounds Aquin's appeal should be rejected and the scheme stopped.

Regards

Peter Candlish