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To whom it may concern,

I wish to assert my strongest objections to this project. It is entirely without merit or benefit, save for the interests of a private company, furthermore will do enormous damage to the city of Portsmouth and elsewhere on the route.

Portsmouth is a heavily congested city, constantly on the verge of gridlock: a fatal accident saw drivers abandoning their vehicles after the city became entirely gridlocked in 2004; even minor incidents cause chaos on a regular. With just three routes on and off the island, the city cannot afford the lengthy and significant disruption this project will surely create.

There are numerous practical, environmental and ecological reasons which make this proposal untenable, and there is full cross-party support against the proposal from our MPs and councillors.

It must not proceed.

Philip M Illingworth