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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

For the first time in my short 78 year lifespan, I actually feel strongly enough to put pen to paper and compose this email to you in Government – and to the person with the ultimate authority to grant or reject the Aquind Interconnector Application.

This is a heartfelt plea to try and persuade you that this proposed Aquind Interconnector is one of the most ill-conceived and destructive ‘plans’ that I, as a responsible, native inhabitant of the UK, have seen in many, many years, and if allowed to proceed will condemn thousands of people living and working in the Portsmouth and Waterlooville areas to many years of extra dust, air pollution, noise, traffic chaos, compulsory house purchases and aggravated antisocial living conditions in general.

To even consider letting a zero track-record company remove numerous listed trees; rip up the ground harbouring dormant toxic waste; severely restrict city road access on the eastern shoreline of the most populated peninsular on the south coast; cut through an important area of special scientific interest on Langstone Harbour; dig its way up Portsdown Hill and carve a trench through the densely populated London Road and East Hampshire countryside as far as Lovedean; adding to already exceptionally high pollution levels and creating many many months, if not years, of traffic chaos, all for the sake of bringing Non-Eco friendly nuclear power from France to our shores, is quite simply, an absolutely ludicrous scheme which simply cannot be justified on any rational level.

The sheer depth of public opposition rapidly growing and being voiced in this area around Portsmouth, really has to be seen to be believed. As the local people here digest the full details of the disruption that will be caused, the majority cannot see that there is anything at all to recommend this plan, especially as it would appear that our French counterparts on the other side of the channel are also vehemently against this scheme as well.

If you consider that bringing Non-Eco friendly nuclear generated electric power from France to our shores, against the current Tory Party Policy for the supply of 100% sustainable green energy in the UK by 2030, is actually essential, I would point out that there are several, far less disruptive schemes, involving much less populated routes and different connection points to our national grid, that have been put forward for consideration and which really should be considered in preference to this ludicrous waste of money and wilful destruction of property.

Please also take into account that I am extremely concerned about the provision of an Open-Access Data Link, as added to the latest version of the proposal.

As well as being dis-allowable under the terms of a DCO, this provision could actually threaten our National Security, as it would provide another link into our country’s data

network, that the MOD partly relies on for the defence of our realm. This would be first-class madness and should never be allowed to happen under any circumstances.

Quite apart from my main objection to this plan on personal and environmental grounds, I also firmly believe that, if this project is actually given the go-ahead by your office, as well as giving the green light to years of disruption and chaos in the Portsmouth area, the Tory Party also will suffer in the long run, with local Tory members losing a massive amount of local public support and possibly even their seats in Parliament.

For all the above reasons and for the sake of the future of Portsmouth residents, I urge you most strongly, to firmly reject this Aquind Interconnector Project proposal.

Yours Sincerely

Robin Whitting

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