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**To:** Aquind Interconnector  
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Dear Sir,

I would urge you to follow the example of your predecessor and refuse permission for the AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR project to take place in Portsmouth. The project would do irreversible long term damage to the City. After London, Portsmouth is the most densely populated City in the UK and already has a serious problem with air pollution. It has only 3 roads going in and returning out of the City and an accident or high volume of traffic can bring the City to a standstill plus creating further exhaust pollution to add to the existing problem which will be further exacerbated by the huge amount of extra traffic created by the project for months on end

I am a local resident and am appalled that anyone could seriously suggest the proposed route. It will cut through residential areas and businesses which will mean compulsory purchases ruining people's lives. Green space is already at a premium in Portsmouth and this route will go through Milton Common, a popular area for dog walkers and others who use it for the recreation that we all need.

France also opposes the project and has removed it from their list of important ventures. Apart from this it is poor policy to rely on France for our energy. They have already threatened shutting off the supply to the Channel Islands because of a dispute and the last thing we need is to be put in that position. I must also point out that the people behind the scheme have had some very dubious publicity including payments to MPs who could influence proceedings.

Both our local MPs oppose the scheme plus a huge majority of Portsmouth residents and I would strongly urge you to do the same.

Yours faithfully,

Roy O'Neil  
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