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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Stop the Aquind campaign

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I write to you once again in complete objection to the proposed project **Aquind**. Having been part of the Let's stop **Aquind** campaign for over a year now, I have been enlightened to many important reasons why this project must be stopped. Our city is densely populated, it is an island with only a few main roads in and out, it will cause chaos amongst the already extremely busy roads, the traffic will be forced to find other routes and this will no doubt cause even more pollution when it is already subjected to alarming and illegal levels of pollution caused by traffic and is also known for being a busy port that also adds to problems and issues we face in Portsmouth. Pollution levels are causing lung disease and premature death. It would be humanely wrong for it to go ahead, so for this one reason alone, the project should be stopped.

I would also like to point out, that an area in Eastney is renowned as a historical landfill site, a dumping ground for our Dockyard and MOD, there are many toxic chemicals buried where the cable is proposed to be tunnelling through, this would be catastrophic if disturbed, one being asbestos, a speck of this dust can be fatal.

Regarding our treasured areas of biodiversity, wildlife, and marine life and having over 200 protected species along Langstone shore and parts of Milton common, this would also be a crying shame to disturb any of it. Nature doesn't understand 'temporary disruption'. Will the thousands of 'protected' Brent geese that choose Langstone Harbour as their destination during the winter months, after flying thousands of miles need to find somewhere else? How can we trust this company to implement mitigation measures? A company that has not listened to the concerns of communities.'

I ask you to consider your decision wisely, considering we are in a climate emergency and areas that will be disturbed and disrupted should be without a doubt preserved and protected from here on.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sent from my iPhone