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To the Committee/Minister involved in making the decisions regarding this matter and also copied into my local MP, Penny Mordaunt, who has been against this proposal.

As a life-long (59 years) Portsmouth Resident, I am writing to you once again to strongly object to the proposals before you in relation to the AQUIND Interconnector. I live very close to the proposed route and tis would have a massive impact on mine and my family's lives..

You will have had many other objections and I wish to add my own main reasons below that I have bullet-pointed for clarity and ease of reading:

- The huge disruption that would be caused to the road network in Portsmouth has been severely underestimated – there only needs to be a car broken down or a traffic accident on one of the few roads out of Portsmouth and the whole City goes into complete gridlock. Any road closures/movement of construction traffic will have a massive effect. The works on the sea defences along the eastern side of the city (A2030) are still being undertaken and we have not been able to use the paths for a couple of years. We will be deprived further of this essential space if Aquind are allowed to proceed.
- The unbelievable impact on the environment that the Government is willing to consider putting under great risk from the beach at Eastney, through Fort Cumberland land, across parks, allotments, green public areas along the route right through to Lovedean. The route (right next to Langstone Harbour – an RSPB Reserve) is used by migrating birds (Brent & Canada Geese amongst many) and other native wildlife and the disruption will be immense.
- There will be lots of excavation work along the route, much of which is reclaimed land and previously used as MOD dumping areas. There is also likely to be war time munitions, possibly unexploded, that will be disturbed and again cause huge disruption. I am extremely concerned about the gases, dust that will be exposed and the impact that this will have on the health of Portsmouth residents. Portsmouth is one of the highest densely populated City outside of London.
- The Russian connection – much has been said about the donations to Political parties by Aquind Directors and this, to any normal person stinks of corruption (even though all parties state that correct procedures were followed). Any decision should be made by Ministers with no connections whatsoever to AQUIND and with no influence by anyone who has. MP's that have accepted donations from anyone connected to Aquind should not have any voting rights and should be ashamed of themselves for taking this money. This highly unsatisfactory situation has heightened over the past year with the Russian/Ukraine conflict and we should be so wary of the underlying intentions of the Russian owners.
- I am very uneasy about the possible future national security risks that may be faced if AQUIND and its' Directors are given approval to this scheme.
- Our French counterparts in Normandy are equally opposed to this scheme and I fail to understand how it is being considered for what will be 5% of the UK's power supply. We should be exploring and investing in schemes that the UK will have total control over.

Please can you register my firm objection and I urge you to reject this Scheme.

Yours sincerely

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