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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Portsmouth, Hampshire, and I am writing to record my objection to the AQUIND interconnector project that Aquind plan to construct between Eastney and Lovedean. If this project goes ahead, it is going to have a detrimental effect on Portsmouth's environmental, economic and residential life.

Most importantly, the route crosses areas that are known to be historically blighted with contaminants which will be disturbed by digging and tunnelling, with the potential to harm the health of residents for years to come. Are you prepared to risk this for the profits of a company, run by individuals with connections to the Kremlin, that has no trading record, and a history of connections to political donations? Where will they be when the costs come in for rectifying the mistakes and damages if this project goes ahead?

This project will endanger an already delicate ecosystem, with allotment holders having their plots threatened by the dangerous chemicals that are going to be used. Routes for walkers are going to be shut, affecting the emotional and mental well-being of people who rely on their peaceful and calming walks within our city.

The gridlock that the construction is going to cause will emit more carbon emissions, and congestion on smaller roads that were not designed to carry large amounts of traffic in residential areas. The health of children and vulnerable people is going to be damaged from the fumes and pollution in years to come from the building works.

Businesses will also be affected by this work with travel of customers restricted, or people travelling to work. The emergency services will also be negatively impacted, and travel to hospital appointments will be made challenging.

Residents' sports will also be impacted by the works. Pitches and facilities that will be closed during the building works for the installation of the cables. Hobbies and pastimes of the children of the city, and those that run them, will be affected.

People's homes will also be blighted by the works. It will be extremely difficult for the work to take place without damages to residential areas. There are many services, sewers and manholes that will make digging a large trench through the area difficult. This work will affect the people of Portsmouth economically, environmentally and socially, but also in their own homes.

Local MPs Stephen Morgan (Labour) and Penny Mordaunt (Conservative), as well as the City Council (cross-party), have all come together with residents to have our democracy upheld and respected, putting all personal politics aside.

Please make the right decision, listen to the people of Portsmouth and uphold the refusal of permission to the AQUIND interconnector. That refusal was after a long drawn-out process, the project needs to be killed off once and for all.

Regards
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