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To: Aquind Interconnector
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Dear Planning Inspectorate

I am writing to object to the plans on the following grounds.

1. The plan to dig up Milton allotments. We were originally informed this would be by HDD (horizontal direct drilling). Now we are told they will dig up, lay and replace. This is not acceptable due to the damage to wildlife, flora and fauna that it will cause (including felling of trees). Moreover, Milton allotments were not part of the original consultation, yet this area is now included.

2. I am concerned about above-ground buildings at Eastney. Aquind are planning to have a compound at the junction of Fort Cumberland Road and Melville Road housing an "Optical regeneration station". This site will have buildings 3.72m high (about 12') and have a site footprint of 35m x 18m – quite significant close to the seafront – why does it have to be above ground and located there? Also there are 2 x diesel generators on this site, relatively close to housing, what about noise etc and visual impact in general?

3. Aquind plan to run up alongside the Eastern Road. At present the coastal defence scheme phase 4 is working on the section from Kendall's wharf down to Milton Common. Will this work be disturbed/need to be redone if Aquind was to get the go-ahead?

4. Crucially the route should be kept away from built-up areas and this means that the Aquind project, if it is to go ahead, should come ashore somewhere that is *not a densely populated and built-up area*, as Portsea Island is. Aquind has not, to my knowledge, explored properly the possibility of bringing the inter-connector ashore in other, more appropriate places. Its impact if it comes ashore on Portsea Island is clearly unacceptable.

Yours
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