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Objection letter to the Planning Inspectorate

I am writing to reiterate and lodge my objection to the Aquind interconnector proposal. As you must know the works seriously impact on an internationally important Ramsar designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, Special Area Of Conservation and Special Protection Area being Langstone Harbour and Farlington Nature Reserve, which is a Grade 1 Nature Conservation Review Site. I find it incredible that anyone would even consider landing these underwater cables at the mouth of such an important harbour and route them along the entire West shoreline before burying them under our roads and all the way up to Lovedean.

I am the holder of an allotment in Milton Piece. I reiterate my objection to any disruption to my access or cultivation of my plot resulting from these works. The only access to Milton Piece allotment is via Locksway Road which is a 20mph restricted residential road with traffic calming bumps. Only recently a section of this road was closed for roadworks and all traffic diverted series of narrow one way residential roads with parking on both sides. I don't believe the University buses could have negotiated that diversion let alone any Aquind works traffic.

At this time of year low flying swans and large flocks of Brent Geese over fly my allotment making twice daily flights between the mudflats at Broadmarsh and the Southsea Canoe Lake area. I fear they would suffer disturbance from the Aquind work.

At Eastney, where the proposed cables are planned to land the soil is so contaminated that residents of the post war flat are forbidden to keep dogs and are forbidden to dig gardens. In the 1950s each side of the Hayling Ferry Road was just a toxic waste dump. The soil in Milton Piece Allotments overlays a dump of used medicine bottles several metres thick from St James Hospital. Aquind would be tunnelling through this toxic waste and releasing into the environment.

Aquind must be aware of the deep sewage and storm water drain tunnelled from Budds Farm to Eastney pumping Station much follows much the same route as their proposal. Aquind should also be aware of the difficulties encountered by the tunnellers when encountering huge chalk boulders.

Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the UK. The roads are narrow and congested with on street parking on both sides. It is madness to consider routing these cables through this congestion, especially if any above ground excavation becomes necessary. I object to the proposal because of the chaos it would cause to our traffic. I also object to any proposal to allow Aquind to take over any of Portsmouth and Southsea's public open space in order to carry out their work.

Yours sincerely

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