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To: Aquind Interconnector
Cc: Flick Drummond MP
Subject: Aquind Planning Application

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Dear Planning Inspectorate

I am writing to tell you why I and countless others vehemently oppose Aquind's Interconnector project.

In 2018 the decision was taken out of the hands of the people who will have to live with the consequences for years to come.

WHY WAS THIS?

The proposal is in the most DENSELY POPULATED CITY OF PORTSMOUTH after London with already high levels of pollution and very poor air quality.

What happens in the event of a nuclear accident the results would be catastrophic. Do you need reminding of what happened in CHERNOBYL AND IN JAPAN. Therefore, not only will this interconnector be unnecessary and contrary to government energy policy, but it will also pose a danger.

The scheme contradicts and undermines the government's stated target of 100% renewable energy by 2030.

AREA OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST: Untold Damage to Langstone Harbour, Rare Brent geese that fly thousands of miles to arrive here every year to feed, and also our only inner-city nature reserve, where groups of children are taken to learn about the natural world. Farlington Marshes, another area that is supposed to be protected.

WOODLAND

Aquind want compulsory purchase powers to acquire swathes of land along the route, including 25,000 sq m of woodland near Lovedean where the route ends. There is intense local opposition to this.

Off Portsea Island the route goes along the Main and busiest Roads of London Road and Hambledon Road, the ONLY main roads through a densely populated built up area. This will cause huge disruption.

Even More Gridlock in & out of Portsmouth, during Commuter times, Portsmouth Football Club Match Days and all the other events that are carried out in Portsmouth.

We in Portsmouth and the Surrounding area know that you have already been publicly endorsing Aquind ahead of the Inspectorate's recommendations, which you received on 7th June.

Surely you are not claiming to be impartial?

We also know the Conservative Party has received at least £1.5m in donations from Ukrainian-born Alexander Temerko and a further approximately half a million pounds from the other co-owner, Russian-born Viktor Fedotov. We know a great deal about Mr Temerko.

There has also been a donation to a Waterlooville for the Jubilee Park of £30!?

All this is well documented in the Press. If he gets his way it will not reflect well on you and your Party at a time when your government has been charged with cronyism and has just been defeated in the high Court by the Good Law Project.

I do not believe that this Project is more about a Russian oligarch making a Hugh amount of money from Jo Public, along with many others within his circle.

In light of all of this, I believe along with my Family, This proposal SHOULD BE REFUSED ON THE ABOVE GROUNDS.

To approve this scheme would further damage public trust in your own Party and do untold damage to our city and areas within the Meon Valley.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

Emma, David, Max, Callum and Jessica Tilbury

