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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to the Aquind project

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to raise objection to the Aquind interconnector

I was blessed, a few years ago, to have a spiritual awakening while running along the banks of Langstone Harbour. The wild flowers all along the harbour shoreline have consciousness. These days, I run along the banks, deep in enjoyment and conversation with these spectacular beings. I write this as the voice of all of the flora and fauna in the area. They do not want to go.

Langstone Harbour is extraordinarily beautiful and serves the people by sharing the joy of nature to all those who come to it. The place holds the magic of growth and seasons. The wildlife has a significant role to play in Portsmouth. In a city of exhaust fumes, litter and human busyness it serves to inject reverence into a community that would otherwise wilt. It is vital. It is necessary to our well being. The plant and animal kingdom in turn receives joy from us too. It's a reciprocal arrangement. The Aquind project will decimate the area of wildlife and plants. It will not recover. What will become of the gladioli at the War Memorial that hold the grief of the people who come there to remember, mourn and acknowledge their dead? What will replace the lungs of the city to deal with all the air pollution? What will replace the natural area for all the people that come to the harbour for their respite of city living?

The Aquind project is not necessary. Other greener energy sources can be found and utilised. How can it be that a project so wholly unwelcomed by the people of France and England even be considered?

I am a law-abiding and tax paying citizen and very ordinary in that regard. But if this project goes ahead, I will use my physical body to stop the machinery and I will not be the only one. The resistance will be like what is happening with HS2. I will not be quiet about it.

I speak for all the flora and fauna of the area in asking you to decline the Aquind application.

Kind regards

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