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I strongly object to the Aquind project going through the second most densely populated City outside London. It will gridlock the city further diminishing our already polluted air quality.

We have been fighting this pernicious project for 2.5 years as volunteers and it is a cross-party campaign that is rejected by all who have found out what this project is about. As it was always done in a quiet way, during lockdown so we would not find out the damage it would do.

As a heavily populated island city we do not have swathes of green land to walk upon and our foreshore on the east of the island must be protected. It is a SSSI site and a RSPB site.

Why Portsmouth? – The cable is proposed to go between England and Barnabos, France so East Sussex is the nearest. Why hasn't Ninfield or other sites nearer with a smaller population been investigated? Alternatives have not been explored.

Size of cable – This cable will be huge and the extra traffic from the lorries and the closure of one lane of the Eastern Road will cause constant traffic chaos. It will not be a quick project it will be like having a Portsmouth FC home game 24/7.

Milton Common – we know that the common has been used to dump asbestos as well as land in Eastney. This is a direct health risk for the people of Portsmouth.

Allotments – these will be ruined if this is allowed to go ahead and the land will not be suitable for edible crops as lubricants for the drilling will see to that.

Playing fields – Bransbury Park, Eastern Road and Farlington that I know about, will be dug up. Where are our citizens supposed to play football and other leisure activities.

Portsmouth Economy – we are trying to make this City a tourist destination and Aquind will stop this. It will cause economic hardship that has not been factored in. It will deter visitors and businesses.

The fields that Aquind propose to dig up, are the fields that are used for camping for the Victorious Festival so the city will lose out on that revenue.

Carpark – Fort Cumberland carpark used by locals will be lost in part due to the communications unit that was not even part of the plan. A communications cable that will conveniently go through a city with the cable that is for pure profit. A communications cable that will be a security risk. Public land must not be taken from us for the profit of Aquind.

Environment – Langstone Harbour is a SSSI site, it is a RSPB reserve, we have Brent Geese because the habitat and many wading bird and seals, that will be disturbed and may never return and all for the profit of Aquind.

Nature – we are always being told that nature is the way to help with mental health. This project is destructive and causing such a worry to residence, whose lives it will ruin.

**No** – our Council and other local councils say No, our MP for Portsmouth South say No, our MP for Portsmouth North says No and for this she was threatened by Mr. Temerko, which reflects on the ethics of Aquind.

It has been widely reported that this project is problematical. The Pandora papers/Panorama has sited national security risks, and that money has been donated by Aquind that could be seen as unfair. All we have is to plead with you to investigate this thoroughly, as I do not know how this got through the inspectorate last time.

There is not one benefit that the people of Portsmouth and the surrounding area will get from this project, in fact we will be disproportionately disadvantaged if this terrible project is allowed to go ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hazel Lyness