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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Portsmouth, Hampshire, and I am writing to you today, to voice my objections for the AQUIND interconnector project that wants to run from Portsmouth to Lovedean.

If this project goes forward, it is going to have a detrimental effect on Portsmouth's environmental, economic and residential life.

I am writing to you from the perspective of someone who is looking to have a safe future for her children and grandchildren.

The AQUIND interconnector is going to cause harm to the city that I, and thousands of people, are going to be spending our lives residing in.

This project is also going to destroy an already delicate and precious ecosystem that Portsmouth has, along with allotment holders- having their plots threatened by the dangerous chemicals that are going to be used. Green spaces are also going to be dug up and fenced off, destroying habitats for the wildlife that we have in the city.

Routes for dog walkers are going to be shut off, affecting the emotional and mental well being of dog walkers who rely on their peaceful and calming walks with the greenery within our city, or the elderly who walk in our fields and green areas.

Why would you willingly put profit above a city's environment and people's mental health?

Secondly, the gridlock that the construction is going to cause will emit more carbon emissions, as well as the danger on smaller roads that aren't built for a mass amount of cars. Portsmouth's residential roads are not built for multiple cars to be passing through them while our major roads are shut due to this destructive plan.

Businesses will also be affected by this work with the gridlock preventing customers from getting to the stores, or people travelling to work.

The health of children and vulnerable people is going to be damaged from the fumes and pollution in years to come from the building works that will be taking place to build the AQUIND interconnector. The amount of pollution produced will then be added by the use of cars creating congestion from the delayed traffic caused by these works.

People's homes will also be blighted by the works, with roads being dug up having things such as manholes and pipes, it is extremely difficult for the route to take place without damages being done to residential areas in some way shape or form. So not just will this work be effecting the people of Portsmouth economically, environmentally and socially, but also in their own homes.

The biggest threat is to our democracy as residents, why don't we have a say in this Russian backed scheme?

People from across the political spectrum have come together and objected to this scheme. Stephen Morgan MP (Labour and Penny Mordaunt MP (Conservative) , as well as the City Council (cross-party), have all come together

with residents to have our democracy upheld and respected, putting all personal politics aside. Will you go against a whole city for profit?

I hope you make the right decision; listen to the people of Portsmouth and object the proposal of the AQUIND interconnector.

Kind regards

Jane Galloway

