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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Formal Objection to Aquind Pipeline Proposal

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I wish to formally object to the Aquind Interconnector Pipeline proposal. My reasons are as follows:

I live in the area of Purbrook and the route of the pipeline seems nonsensical in its complexity. There is no reasonable justification for the loss of public space this proposal will result in, if it goes ahead. During times of domestic economic hardship peoples' private property and shared community spaces will be commandeered by a faceless organisation who have treated Portsmouth, Havant and East Hants residents with utter contempt.

Aquind have failed to consult properly from the start of their campaign to implement this pipeline. Residents have not received written communication because Aquind have preferred to address formal letters to named residents, taken from outdated register information. So many households have not read the Aquind letters because they have been deliberately addressed to individuals who have long since vacated their properties and not to 'householders' or 'tenants'. For example, I have lived on a London Road in Purbrook (PO7 5JU) for two and a half years. We have never received any communication from Aquind to our (owned) home. The proposed pipeline is due to run immediately outside of our driveway. How can this morally be acceptable? When contacted, Aquind have arrogantly informed residents that it is their own responsibility to approach Aquind and update householder details. As if this would ever be a reasonable expectation, even if people were fully aware of Aquind and the damage they're proposing to implement.

Domestic and commercial properties will be adversely affected for many, many months due to traffic chaos. For smaller businesses this will be catastrophic as their areas will be avoided at all times by those with local knowledge. Needless to say, gridlock will ensue on our island city of Portsmouth and surrounding areas. Not to mention the pollution which will result in Portsmouth and its 'Clean Air Zone'.

There is no local support for this pipeline. Indifference at best. It leaves us politically vulnerable to the owners of, and those with financial interests in Aquind. At a time of real concern as to national security - to entrust an energy 'solution' to non-UK interest or control, is foolhardy at best. There is no explicit or reasonable value to our communities for supporting this scheme. It is perceived as an attempt at land grab with falsified and dubious justification.

Please, do not allow the good people of this area to lose more faith in the decisions of government and the courts. This is not a time to experiment. There is too much of political concern for us to invest in energy production with France. It leaves us vulnerable to France and the political sway of Aquind's investors (consider please where their money rests). With all the economic and political instability of the time, to handicap such a valuable city with this project would be madness.

Please, deny Aquind their appeal. Allow sense to prevail and some faith to be restored in our legal processes.

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