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To whom it may concern,

I strongly object to this project as its landfall and routing through a densely populated city will cause major disruption as the 4 cables are laid. Recent roadworks on the A3 show just how busy these arterial routes are. Portsea Island is also unique as it only has three routes in and out of the city.

The pavements are also full of domestic services so any new trench is going to be slow to dig and has potential to cause further local disruption if services are cut accidentally.

Why have alternative routes not been considered? Tunnelling under Langstone Harbour, like was done for the sewer tunnels, and then going up the edge of the A3 would be less disruption and be easier and quicker trenching!

I also question the long term benefits, as a nation we need to be energy independent, with the war in Ukraine and the recent disruption in France highlighting this further.

France also no longer has surplus power, their aging nuclear reactors are struggling to keep pace with in country demand, there is no surplus to export. Last summer was a case in point.

200mw is a lot of power to be routing within meters of people's houses, what independent studies have been done to show this is not an issue? AC powerlines are an EMF nightmare to live near!

Finally how is this project being funded, what assurances are there that NO dirty Russian money has been or would be used in this project? Have all party political donations been fully disclosed and any Russian money instantly donated to Ukrainian charities?

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