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To whom it may concern,

Just to put in writing my very strong opposition to the AQUIND project as a resident on the border in Farlington/ Drayton and also due to the wider impact on Portsmouth area and residents. Disabled people will be disadvantaged

There have been many concerns raised about this project for a number of reasons and feel it is just not acceptable to be directed through the streets of Portsmouth. This would be a terrible project with serious repercussions for our environment, building and roads, congestion and disruption and unknown health concerns. It has already been tuned down and there is no reason to now change that plan. There are severe traffic problems in Portsmouth due to how densely populated and limited road access to QA hospital for example, this could cause delays and serious safety concern.

From the allotment holders whose plots are vulnerable to drilling chemicals, to the businesses whose livelihoods will be threatened by gridlock from construction chaos, from the children who will be exposed to the pollution from years of tearing up our city, to the sports teams whose pitches will be closed for building sites, from the property owners whose homes are blighted by the route, to the dog walkers who will see Portsmouth's precious green spaces dug up and fenced off.

Aquind's plan would be devastating for our delicate marine and shoreline wildlife, such as 20 species of waders and the Brent Geese that winter here from Siberia. Laying the cables would also disturb significant amounts of toxic waste buried under Milton Common, threatening families living alongside the route with asbestos. The previous Secretary of State found that the damaging impacts on our city and environment could not be justified by any benefits, so what reason can there be to change his decision?

It's time to put an end the fake promises of cheaper and greener electricity. It's time to invest in sustainable energy projects on our own shores, not put our security at risk by relying on Soviet-born oligarchs to develop critical infrastructure.

We demand protection from the activities this highly unusual and opaque company: a company with no experience that claims to be able to manage a £1.3 billion cross-channel project; a company with substantial offshore funding but no trading income; a company that proposes an electricity cable but hides a communications network within it; a company whose owners seek to intimidate the press while making threats to a Portsmouth MP.

People across the political divide have objected to the scheme, Stephen Morgan MP labour , Penny Mordant Conservative and the city council who all can see the terrible effect this will have on Portsmouth City

I oppose this project in the strongest terms and sincerely hope that this project through Portsmouth will not be approved.

Yours faithfully  
Karen Dutton  
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30/3/23