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To concerned parties

I would like to strongly object to the proposed Inter connector project and the route into the UK being proposed. Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in the UK after London. It is an island and has only three routes in and out by road. Anyone who lives here will tell you that the city is in chaos if one of those is blocked or restricted. This proposal will not just impact those directly in the line of the pipeline but all of Portsmouth for some years. We will lose some of our very valuable car parks near the beach, green areas in our parks, disruption to our valued allotments - some of which will suffer permanently.

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. There has been an effort to 'seed' oyster beds in the Langstone Harbour over the last couple of years. This proposal will disturb and potentially ruin this project.

Laying the cables would also disturb significant amounts of toxic waste buried under Milton Common, threatening families living alongside the route with asbestos and released gasses. 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?

The UK should be concentrating instead on becoming self sufficient in electricity supply so we cannot be threatened or held to ransom in the future! As for surreptitiously adding cable in to these ditches - this is purely for profit and we are well supplied in this area, with very strong completion. Again use of Russian led cable should not be countenanced for national security reasons.

For more details on all the reasons this should not go ahead, please view the objection of Viola Langley. I agree with everything she has said and she has investigated this really thoroughly to get behind the intentions and impacts behind this proposal.

Signed
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