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Subject: Objection from a Portsmouth resident

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To whom it may concern

I'm writing to you to object to the Aquind project as someone who lives in Milton, Portsmouth. I am deeply concerned of the potential effects the project would have to my own, my families and communities personal health. As someone who would be close to the proposed drilling sites I would find it to have a very detrimental effect to my own health. I further believe that it would impact on many other peoples health in the community and will make preexisting conditions worse, this would add more of a pressure to the underfunded NHS system.

I moved to Milton, Southsea as there are some spots of tranquility here which you do not find elsewhere in Portsmouth which is the most densely populated city in the UK. If the Aquind project comes to our city it will cause irreversible damage to the little areas of wildlife. We already have so little green space why tear up the little we have left?

In my family, my partner and I work full time in the area and have to commute in and out on road by car and by bus - if the project goes ahead it will add extraordinary pressure to the already terrible transport infrastructure. It will add to the dangerous air pollution Portsmouth problem that already exists. The negative economic impact this will have on businesses in Southsea will be substantial as people will avoid coming to the area to avoid the traffic. In Milton we have many independent businesses who are reliant on steady footfall and easy access to the area

Environmentally, I also object to the project going ahead as I believe that the UK government needs to invest more money into renewable forms of energy that is from Britain for Britain.

Democratically, I do not think Aquind is independent enough from the government as Aquind which is part-owned by Victor Fedotov - has according to the BBC donated at least £700,000 to 34 Conservative MPs since the Aquind project began.

I hope you take my objection into consideration.

Kind Regards

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