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Dear Sir / Madam

Please accept this email as evidence of my objection to the Aquind Interconnector.

I have followed the actions of Aquind and feel extremely strongly that the company is under unclear ownership. From the beginning it has not been possible to verify where funds were coming from, and this, along with the linked donations to the Conservatives in UK Government, makes it exactly the type of planning application that should be rejected.

In the early stages Aquind acted in an unprofessional manner by sending out documents, to all householders along the proposed route, requesting (demanding) details of ownership. I know of many elderly residents who were upset and in fear that parts of their home and garden would be taken under a compulsory purchase order. This action alone proves the company to be controlled by insensitive and untrustworthy ownership.

Another strong point is that the UK should not be relying upon unaccountable private overseas companies to solve its power conundrum. Clearly the country should be developing and investing in greener methods of energy production rather than becoming dependant upon energy imported from another territory. The world has changed dramatically since the Russians decided to attack Ukraine... you only have to look at the way power supply has been used as a weapon against the west. More locally, there was also the incident when France (a strong ally of the UK) threatened to cut off the electrical supply to the Channel Islands during a fishing dispute.

In defence of France, the French do not want this interconnector either. The reason I see most often quoted is the disruption to everyday life. In Portsmouth, for example, it will be nothing short of a catastrophe for the environment and for people going about their everyday business. The route of the connector would cause untold problems for people travelling in and out of the city. I truly do not see how we benefit.

So if the planning inspectorate truly cares about accountability, avoiding disruption and preventing environmental damage, then this unsuitable application must be rejected.

Yours faithfully

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