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To: Aquind Interconnector
Subject: Objection to Aquind Interconnector

Categories: Consultation Response

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the Aquind Interconnector.

- I feel that the whole scheme is being forced on the people of Portsmouth and surrounding areas, it's obviously being done, without a care for their feelings. All those in line to make money from it are happy as they are in the "it's Not In My Back Yard!" brigade.
- The scheme will cause untold damage to the environment, ripping up swathes of our beautiful countryside, having detrimental effects on wildlife and nature. Farlington Marshes and Langstone Harbour, both sites of Special Scientific Interest, one of which is a Grade 1 Nature Conservation review site, homes to a variety of both native and migrating birds and other wildlife, as well as part of seagrass restoration, would be ploughed through and basically destroyed, it is outrageous!
- Great disruption to homes, roads and livelihoods, allotments will be caused by the laying of the necessary cables, again without a care for the local people. The disruption, noise congestion and increased levels of traffic, which would be landed on Portsea Island and the route of the interconnector all the way through Denmead and onto Lovedean, would be huge.
- The scheme would go through Milton Common – reclaimed land and a former landfill site – what toxic gases etc could be released if that was dug up?!
- The scheme will go directly against the target for the UK's target for green energy.
- We would be more dependent on French nuclear power, France have had power outages themselves over the last year and threatened to cut power to the Channel Islands! Let's face it France is not the biggest fan of the UK, so if they wanted, they could simply cut our power off!
- It has been reported that 38 MP's have received payment from Aquind, that is disgraceful, how can a fair and unbiased decision regarding this "project" be made by a Government receiving payment from the very company, behind the scheme?

Local MP's both Labour and Conservative, including Steven Morgan and Penny Mordant have voiced their concerns and opposition to this scheme.

I urge you to reconsider this proposed scheme and put people before profit, please do the right thing and cancel this unwanted, undesirable and totally inappropriate scheme, for once listen to the people who live in the area and who care about their environment. Stop Aquind, No, No, No to the Aquind Interconnector.

Yours faithfully,

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