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Dear Sirs,

I refer to my E-mail below regarding the appeal and would like my objections noted as per my previous E-mail. Though we are now the other side of a pandemic we are now in an economic crisis and businesses continue to struggle post covid. 'Getting into bed' with Russia is not something we should even consider. We are an island and could look for solutions such as wind and wave power that would be far more sustainable with minimal, if any disruption!

This is one of the singularly most ludicrous applications for a city most densely populated as Portsmouth, that will impact all who live here and in light of the current issues with the illegal military action by Russia. Not only is it a threat to a Portsmouth but a threat to our national security. We should not be doing any deals with anything remotely or otherwise linked to Russia!

I wholeheartedly object to this proposal for all of the reasons in my previous E-mail (below) and in light of the current security issues (which were pointed out by one of our local MP's the then security minister)!

Yours Faithfully

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From: N DAY<[REDACTED]>
To: aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk
Sent: Tuesday, 22 Dec, 20 At 09:49
Subject: Comment on responses previously submitted by Portsmouth residents and councillors (deadlines 4&5)

Dear Sirs,

I would like to raise the following concerns:

Portsea island is one of the most densely populated cities outside of London and simply does not have the infrastructure to support this project without a significant and considerably detrimental impact to all of the above. I have lived in Portsmouth my whole life (50 years) and for the most part in Farlington. It is already a way of life to not try to travel onto Portsea island at times when there will be large volumes of cars on the roads (football, hot sunny mornings). We have adapted to these conditions (not without frustrations) but to have our already delicate infrastructure disturbed by these plans is untenable. I have attached a couple of screenshots of a 30 second internet search regarding congestion caused by accidents or breakdowns. These bring our city to a stand still for hours and hours already and will still happen. This on top of disruption from the planned laying of the pipeline will bring unimaginable and utter chaos to the city and all who live and work there. I worry about the work life balance for all workers. I work 5 minutes from my home but every single evening I can't even leave the work car park due to the congestion on the road!

try to access. This is all caused by congestion of traffic trying to access the M27, M3 and Eastern Road during the rush hour. I already frequently stay at work passed my finish time to avoid this as I simply cannot bear to sit in an unmoving queue of traffic for an hour on a journey that should take 5 minutes! I dread to think what it would mean should these plans go ahead. Traffic and noise pollution will be at levels which are unbearable. We already hear works that take place on the railways and these are nominal compared to the drilling noise pollution from this proposal.

We are in a pandemic. Local business has been significantly and dreadfully affected already. These businesses need our city's residents traveling freely to and from their premises in order to even begin to recover. People simply won't be prepared to travel into or off the island if there is an added barrier of massive traffic congestion. It is incredibly important to the welfare of Portsmouth's population that they can access the open spaces and local businesses after this period of isolation and restricted movement ends. For the same reason and ongoing we need to be able to access our football stadium, our sports facilities and to 'get away from it all' by accessing parks (Milton and Farlington playing fields), Portsdown hill, Southsea seafront and common, our swimming pools. The allotments have been a lifeline for people who have had restricted movement lately. My own father (80 next June) has shielded during this awful time but as soon as those guidelines were eased found a new lease of life at his allotment plot. Fresh air, exercise and a sense of purpose are things that will be taken away if these plans succeed. I fully resist anything that is going to add any barrier to local residents abilities to do enjoy their open spaces or prevents them from pursuing activities that ensure their health and well-being.

Some of the cities self employed have taken a 60% reduction in income over this pandemic period. Aqua taxis are the largest service in the city and their drivers charge per mile rather than time. Time spent working but sat in traffic will kill their business. This project will bring traffic chaos to the city such that their income will be even more significantly impacted. The arteries in and off the city centre need to run free from disruption if they are to survive. If they can't meet their living costs they may well increase their fares and this will have a significant detrimental impact to any resident needing taxi services.

Our emergency department and main hospital is off the island. I worry for emergency vehicle access if our roads are congested and the impact this will have to all residents needing those services.

I have also heard about funding arrangements for certain MPs and links to Aquind. This concerns me and I feel need s investigating. We have yet been advised why this infrastructure is deemed to have been of national importance and significance.

I worry about the impact to those who's homes are on the pipeline route and the lack of information or opportunities to engage and inform the local community. I learned of this project a year to late to register as an interested person and through a social media campaign. It feels cloak and dagger and the lack of consultation coupled with the suggestion of 'back handlers' makes this feel like it is a 'done deal'. I would like to see evidence of all the considerations that have lead to this project being deemed of national significance and justifying taking these decisions away from local government.

Finally I would like to point out that the relocation of Portsmouth football club to Farlington playing fields has not taken place due to that area being one of the only areas that Brent Geese use in their migration path. we cannot tell them it's temporary when their habit is disrupted. Brent geese are a part of the local wildlife and have been my entire life. I do not feel that the disruption to our local wildlife has been given due consideration and would like to see what evidence there is that there would be no significance impact to our wildlife.

The route that is proposed along the Eastern road area is popular to walkers, cyclists, dog walkers and for fishing. I would like to know what the impact will be to those wishing to access that area during the time this pipeline is being worked on.

I would also like to know what consideration has been given to other routes and why places such as Fawley have not been considered or otherwise ruled out.

I await your response.

Yours Faithfully

Nicola J Day

