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Good Evening,

I write to raise my objection to the proposed route of the Aquind interconnect through the city of Portsmouth.

Portsmouth is a proud island city which is home to thousands of people and various diverse ecosystems. It is a fighting city with immense history and that must not be overlooked.

From the very start this project has been a shambles. Aquind's consultation events throughout the city were laughable. Upon attending my local consultation event, they were completely void of any answers to the multitude of questions posed to them by local residents. They had no clue what they were talking about. This goes a long way to show the lack of consideration or planning that has gone into this project.

There are only 3 routes in and out of the city. Once one of these routes is compromised, the rest of the city is completely gridlocked. Aquind are proposing to dig up and through the Eastern Road in and out of the city. They have clearly spent minimal/no time observing the traffic flow/surveying the city, otherwise they would have realised this issue alone renders the project unviable.

Their proposed route also takes them through the vital green spaces the city is home to. Due to the congested population of the city, the available green spaces are few and far between. People use these green spaces to escape from everyday life. It is not acceptable for Aquind to simply disregard the well being of the city's population via the destruction of vital green spaces.

The proposed route also runs the risk of destroying numerous ecosystems. In a time when the human race is already causing untold damage to the planet, is it acceptable for an unnecessary project to destroy habitats and ecosystems across the city?

It is quite evident there are more suitable, less disruptive routes for this cable, some of which are adjacent to the city. It is also evident that Aquind have not even considered these alternative routes. They do not want to seek the relevant approvals for these alternative routes as it will cost them time and money. Given the wealth behind Aquind, the cost implications are negligible. Quite frankly, the disruption to hundreds of thousands of city residents is far more important than a few quid out of Aquind's pocket.

There has been no forethought or planning into the sheer travel chaos this would cause across the city. There has been no consideration to the detrimental impact this will have on the various ecosystems within the city and there has been no consideration for the thousands of people that call this city home!

This project has already been rejected once and only a corrupt judge has deemed it should be reconsidered. This project must be stopped and I implore you to once again reject this scheme.

Many thanks

Nathan Evans

Sent from my iPhone