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To: Aquind Interconnector
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Dear Sir / Madam,

As a resident of Portsmouth, Hampshire, I am writing to you today to voice my objection for the AQUIND interconnect or project and would like to echo the open letter on the 'Let's Stop AQUIND' website.

Surely you know by now that our city is united against this dangerous project. From the allotment holders whose plots are vulnerable to drilling chemicals, to the businesses whose livelihoods will be threatened by gridlock from construction chaos, from the children who will be exposed to the pollution from years of tearing up our city, to the sports teams whose pitches will be closed for building sites, to all outdoor enthusiasts who have their space further encroached upon by building interference, from the property owners whose homes are blighted by the route, to the dog walkers who will see Portsmouth's precious green spaces dug up and fenced off. We reject the vandalism of our city for private profit.

Aquind's plan would be devastating for our delicate marine and shoreline wildlife, such as 20 species of waders and the Brent Geese that winter here from Siberia. Laying the cables would also disturb significant amounts of toxic waste buried under Milton Common, threatening families living alongside the route with asbestos. The previous Secretary of State found that the damaging impacts on our city and environment could not be justified by any benefits, so what reason can there be to change his decision.

We demand protection from the activities this highly unusual and opaque company: a company with no experience that claims to be able to manage a £1.3 billion cross-channel project; a company with substantial offshore funding but no trading income; a company that

proposes an electricity cable but hides a communications network within it.

It is time to put and end to this unwanted, unneeded and dangerous plan. It is time to protect our environment, stand up to oligarchs and defend democracy. It is time to stop AQUIND.

Kind regards,

Victoria Murphy

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