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To: Aquind Interconnector
Cc: Penny Mordaunt MP
Subject: OBJECTION TO THE AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR

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Dear Sir/Ms,

As a PORTSMOUTH resident I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR.

1. The long-term effect of MEGAWATT electrical power distribution in close proximity to humans and marine life is poorly researched and little understood.
2. The proposed route brings children and adults into very close proximity to MEGAWATT cables buried just below the surface.
3. The proposed route will cause substantial disruption with potentially disastrous consequences for the local economy given the current sequence of events of Covid, Ukraine war and inflation. The Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southsea rely heavily on tourism during the summer months and this project and its intended route will severely cripple access to the beaches Historic Dockyard and Isle of Wight Ferries.
4. The most obvious question, what is the motivation for such a project as an almost identical IFA2 INTERCONNECTOR less than 7 miles away is fully operational.

This project is purported to be in the NATIONAL INTEREST but has shown itself to be ill conceived in every respect with little or no regard for the local population, extremely damaging to the environment and is likely to cause severe disruption to tourism and most importantly access to a MAJOR NAVAL BASE and its supporting industries.

Yours faithfully,

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