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To whom it may concern

I am a Portsmouth resident and deeply oppose the proposed Aquind interconnector which would run through the City.

Portsmouth is a very congested island City with limited access routes and limited green space. The Aquind plan would not only seriously disrupt navigation around the City and, therefore, the quality of residents lives but would also impact our green spaces. Large parts of the Eastern side of the city are built on former landfill and brownfield sites and the planned construction risks pollutants being released back into the atmosphere and sea. We are surrounded by sea which is already being openly polluted by a water company that is not fit for purpose. We also have natural salt marshes to protect aswell as being on the migration route for Brent geese and other species and this project is that last thing this vulnerable City and environment needs.

Despite the local turmoil there are, in fact, more pertinent reasons as to why this project should not go ahead. Firstly, the company is ultimately owned by an individual implicated in one of the largest frauds in Russian history. Secondly if the Russian aggression in Ukraine has taught us anything it is surely the imperative need for energy security. How does it make any sense to create a new and long term reliance on a foreign company and country. Investment should be and, should have been for many years, in renewable energy technologies including wind and wave power so that we are self-reliant.

The state of the world and the state of the environment surely make it clear that this project does not represent the right direction of travel.

I plead with you to do the right thing and reject this plan.

Regards,
Jeremy Probert

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