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To Whom It May Concern

I would like to register my whole-hearted opposition to the Aquind project.

Others have written far more eloquently and in greater detail but here are a few of my thoughts.

This project is wrong, wrong on so many levels.

Portsmouth is a small, densely populated island with only 3 access roads. If one is disrupted by tunnelling for Aquind, accident and emergency services could be disastrously delayed.

In an overcrowded city air quality is already damaging and further 'engineering' works could make this even worse. In addition no reliable assessment has been made of what dangerous substances could be released by disturbing the former dumping ground that lies beneath Milton Common.

Disruption to traffic flows on the route to Waterlooville and Denmead do not bear thinking about and do not seem to have been taken into consideration.

Portsmouth has few enough green areas; to disrupt the beach at Eastney, the hundreds of allotments off Locksway Road, and the Langstone Harbour and Milton Common SSIs and recreational areas, already under threat from the lack of responsible action by Southern Water, would cause irreparable harm.

Aquind is a shadow company, owned by some willing to bribe the Conservative Party, with no expertise or experience of any kind of engineering works or any economic activity at all.

There is no way France is in a position to export energy to the UK and the French in Normandy are as opposed to this project as the people of Portsmouth.

Any money invested by our government in energy would be far better spent on producing 'green' energy within the UK at a much more sensible cost.

Yours sincerely Judith Snaith