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**To:** Aquind Interconnector  
**Subject:** Opposition to AQUIND Interconnector

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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Southsea, Portsmouth, I am writing to object to the proposed AQUIND Interconnector.

There is consensus among local residents that the project would cause great disruption and likely damage the local environment, while offering little benefit. Particularly; tunnelling, trenches, and related site access through the limited green spaces and nature reserves in the city risk causing significant harm, at great cost to the local environment and living conditions for the city's residents.

Further, local communities have not been sufficiently consulted or had their objections seriously considered in the proposal, as evidenced by public organising and protests against the project, and cross-party opposition by local elected representatives and Portsmouth City Council. If allowed to proceed, AQUIND's attempts to push this through without the consent of those directly affected would set a dangerous precedent of ignoring local voices, and it is a flagrant attempt to circumvent fair and responsible process.

The AQUIND Interconnector project is clearly deeply unpopular, acting in bad faith, and against the public interest, and should be rejected.

Regards,  
Dr David Ralph