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I am writing to object strongly AGAIN to the Aquind Interconnector which was already rejected by the business secretary last year.

As the most densely populated city outside of London we need MORE green space not more destruction of our parks - including Bransbury where my daughters play, Milton common where we walk our dogs and is invaluable wildlife haven and the allotments where my friends grow precious vegetables.

Not to mention our delicate seabed harbour ecosystem which is a part of Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation. We cannot condone ripping this up. This includes damage to the good work of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Solent Seagrass restoration project which is massive carbon capture project and integral to help fighting climate crisis. Portsmouth is already incredibly vulnerable to flooding and has invested in multimillion-pound flood defences which have been disruptive to our city already. We do not need this interrupted or damaged in any way.

The underhand funding of the Conservatives party by Alexander Temerko just adds to my and my city's concerns about the real motive of the Aquind project. We need to think of our national security when large private projects like this are proposed. This reflects very badly not only on the Conservative party but our Government in general.

My final thoughts - please consider my 2 pre-school children who live in this wonderful seaside city. They already have the challenge of the climate crisis but their lives so close to this unthinkable project would be unfairly affected lifelong.

Yours,
Dr Hannah Pleasance