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To the Aquind Planning Inspectorate,

Aquind can not go ahead. Not only did the French refuse the plans for this project in 2021, that refusal still being valid therefore it not following reason to give permission to build in the UK. There are enough interconnectors existing or planned to cover demand adding up to 19.5 GW when the government in their paper asked for 18 GW by 2030. I am not confident this company is equipped to handle this project, as evident in their lack of consideration for the biological disaster that would result in the Eastney Harbour area in Portsmouth being disrupted and unearthed and the lack or research done into the extremity of toxic waste in this area. The harm simply outweighs the benefits. The damage to local wildlife and landscape would be devastating, along with causing traffic chaos due to the reduced entry/exit points to the island. It is not logical to reduce these to a SINGLE connection to the mainland, the increased traffic will sky rocket the pollution levels in the city thag are already high.

There was a feasibility study by NGET in 2014 to find a connection point into the grid. This feasibility study has not been seen by anyone but Aquind. The Judge during the High Court Judicial Review and the Secretary of State had asked for access. This is an out- dated study now, 9 years later and why has nobody else had access to it?

It simply is not logical to proceed and will be incredibly detrimental to the local community in Portsmouth and it's natural spaces.

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