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To whom it may concern,

I would like to write to object to this development on the following grounds:

1. French refused the project in 2021 and the refusal is still valid. If there is no landfall in France why would you give permission to build in UK?
2. There are sufficient interconnectors existing or planned. They add up to 19.5 GW when the government in their paper asked for 18 GW by 2030
3. Is the company capable to run a project like this?
4. The harm outweighs the benefits
5. Damage to our local environment
6. Traffic chaos, air pollution
7. 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? Should the minutes of any meeting between Aquind Ltd, NGET and any other party involved in this been made available? Indeed, should not this out-dated connection decision be revisited?

The land being considered for this pipeline is a vital green corridor in a very built up city. The traffic chaos alone whilst the work was carried out would make the whole of Portsmouth a no go zone. Currently if there is an accident on one of the 3 roads into/out of the city then the other 2 practically ground to a halt. With road works such as these going on for years life would become unbearable, accompanying air pollution would be madness. The land designated for this connector runs directly along the coast. We already have Southern Water pumping sewage into the sea here with the added stress of these works along the coast line the sea and its surrounding environment would be ruined for a very long time if not forever. Since the invasion of Ukraine I cannot see why any government would even consider tying us to an energy supply that is totally outside of the control of our country with the potential for us to be held to ransom. We need to be investing in green renewable energy, without the reliance on any government being able to dictate terms and conditions.

This development needs to be halted immediately.

Yours faithfully,
Marie Bartlett

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