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To: Aquind Interconnector

Subject: Several reasons why I am against the Aquind

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Dear Sir / Madam,

There are several reasons why I am against the Aquind project:

- The French authorities have already refused the project in 2021, and their refusal still stands. If France has deemed it unsuitable for their land, why should permission be granted to build in the UK without a landfall in France?
- There are already enough interconnectors either existing or planned. These combined interconnectors add up to 19.5 GW, exceeding the government's requirement of 18 GW by 2030.
- I question whether this non-transparent company which has paid zero taxes and has is capable of successfully managing a project of this scale and complexity.
- When considering the overall impact, the harm caused by the project outweighs the potential benefits. The project poses a significant threat to our local environment, potentially causing irreversible damage.
- The construction and operation of the project would result in traffic chaos on the most busy roads in Portsmouth and nearby and increased air pollution in the surrounding areas. Why do I need to pay with my health for the profit of this private company?
- There was a feasibility study conducted by NGET in 2014 to identify a connection point into the grid. However, this study has only been seen by Aquind, and no one else has had access to it. It is outdated now, being nine years old, and it raises concerns as to why it hasn't been made available to others. Why is everything so secret? Are any records or minutes of meetings between Aquind Ltd, NGET, and other involved parties made public?

Considering these reasons, it is clear why I strongly oppose the Aquind project and believe that permission should not be granted for its implementation.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Andrii Seleznov