From:
Aquind Interconnector

**Subject:** Objections to the Aguind Interconnector

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I wish you to consider the following points as my objections to the Aquind Interconnector.

- 1. The French refused the project in 2021and 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 and air pollution will be unbearable. There are only 3 roads on and off the Island of Portsea. The Eastern Ave is the 2nd most used and if taken out of action will cause major traffic queues and 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 This is an outdated study now, 9 years later and why has nobody else had access to it?
- 8. 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 revisted?
- 9. I am extremely worried about the disturbance of the land along the proposed route. I believe toxic waste from the Dockyard and other landfill have been buried here on the past and the deep dig that is needed will bring this to the surface and could pollute the harbour and endanger those who live in the area.
- 10. The destruction of wildlife habitats is too high a price to pay. The marshland and shoreline are a precious resource which we cannot allow to become polluted or destroyed.

I hope you will take these concerns and issues seriously and reject plans for the Aquind Interconnector.

Kind regards

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