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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to Aquind Interconnector Project Portsmouth
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you, again, to register my objection to the proposed Aquind Interconnector project and the planned route through Portsmouth up to Lovedean in Hampshire. This project has already been rejected by the previous Secretary of State, Kwasi Kwarteng, yet Aquind persist with their plan.

My objections to this project remain as follows.

Portsmouth is the second most densely populated city in the UK. It is also an island with 3 ways to get in and out of the city by road. This project would cause years of major disruption to traffic, as one route would effectively be out of action. This would cause damage to the local economy as well as putting even more strain on the local road infrastructure and increasing levels of pollution.

The proposed route goes through parks, allotments and a nature reserve. The laying of the cables will cause damage and will disturb these green spaces which are much loved and well used by local residents. To drill and dig trenches will upset the local wildlife, including the protected Brent Geese which migrate from Siberia every winter to Langstone Harbour. Once disturbed it is highly unlikely that these birds will return to this area.

The proposed route goes through an area of the city which is known to contain toxic waste.

Aquind have no experience of a project of this size and scale and therefore have no track record of success. The initiation of this project was handled very badly by Aquind with threats of compulsory purchase orders on properties and threats made to local Councillors and MPs. Their business practices need to be carefully scrutinised. The owners of this company should cause concerns about national security.

Finally, the proposal to import energy from France is surely going against the policy to supply 100% sustainable green energy in the UK. The war in Ukraine has proved the importance of the UK becoming energy self-sufficient and we should not be considering this scheme which the French also reject.

For all of the reasons that I have listed above, I once again urge the government to firmly reject the Aquind Interconnector project and put an end to this proposal once and for all.

Yours faithfully,

Katherine Sweeney

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