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To: [Aquind Interconnector](#)
Subject: Objection to the Aquind interconnector project
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Dear Secretary of State,

I understand that the timeline for a decision regarding the proposed Aquind Interconnector project has again been put back. So, I would like to take this opportunity to voice my very strong objection to this project once again.

As mentioned before, there are many compelling reasons why the Aquind interconnector through Portsmouth should be rejected and I detailed these in my previous e-mail. Just to re-iterate, the densely populated city of Portsmouth is clearly not an appropriate place to have the landing point. Apart from the potential pollution, environmental damage and chaos to the city resulting from the project works, it also does not even represent the shortest route across the channel anymore. In addition, I do not believe Aquind are an appropriate company to run such a large-scale national infrastructure project. They have no track record in this field, they are financed in part by money sourced from Russian companies, they have made no concessions or outlined any benefits to the local community, they wish to include an Open-Access Data Link in the cabling representing a national security risk, they appear to be motivated purely by profit rather than the national interest, and their directors would seem to be trying to influence government policy inappropriately by making large donations to the Conservative party.

I would urge you once again to act with integrity and not allow Aquind to steam-roller this proposal through against the express wishes of the people of Portsmouth including all the local MPs (both Conservative and Labour) and Portsmouth City Council.

Regards

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