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**To:** Aquind Interconnector  
**Cc:** DRUMMOND, Flick  
**Subject:** Aquind proposal - concerns, issues and objections

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Dear Sir

Denmead, where I live, is directly and adversely affected by the Aquind proposal. I also often drive into Portsmouth, and I am horrified at the Aquind plans. I have written previously to express my wholehearted objection to the proposal and wish to register the following additional points, in no order of priority, and they are by far not the only issues!

1. There remains a the missing feasibility study of 2014/2015 – the content of which seems to have remained a secret, and which has only been available to Aquind, rather than published for all to read. It may be 7 years old, but it is odd as to why it seems to be so sensitive that it is kept under wraps. This is underhand and suspicious.
2. The Mannington location is now a feasible option regarding to NGET/ NGESO. How does this affect Aquind?
3. There are also other alternatives which have not been fully explored, and which have potentially less environmental impact.
4. The Fibre Optic data cable: should it be allowed in this nationally significant Infrastructure project? I think not. Money talking.
5. There are problems with permissions in France, and a high level of public opposition there too, which should surely inform our own Government that all is not well with this proposal.
6. Having read extensively, I would question the necessity of this Interconnector at all. It is not green energy. It seems just about big business making money at our expense and to our detriment. Just who is paying whom, I wonder?
7. There remain significant unresolved risks in the allotment area on Milton Common. In actuality, the sum of all the various environmental impacts is one big negative, and we are supposed to be caring for the ecology of our planet, not destroying it.
8. It is obvious to any right thinking person that there would be gridlock in Portsmouth during the long construction, and there are significant risks to the operational traffic of the city, and to people's lives. A bit like Covid: too late to say "OOPS, sorry, bad planning" when people have died because they cannot get to hospital, or when the fire engines are delayed with no viable alternative traffic route.
9. I believe that the whole process is undemocratic and that it is biased against residents.
10. Portsmouth MP's are from both main parties, and both have stated their objections to the project. I believe our Meon Valley MP has also objected (Flick Drummond on copy).

I and many others believe the accumulated harms which would be created by the project far outweigh any benefits.

**I am disgusted and dismayed that this proposal is still even being considered. I am far from alone. Just why is nobody in power listening?**

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