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Dear Sirs

I object to the Aquind Interconnector proposal on many grounds and unresolved issues.

- A. There is a missing feasibility study of 2014/2015 - NGET and NGESO have failed to provide the original feasibility study which led to Lovedean becoming the connection point for the Aquind Interconnector. No other interested party has seen this document. Nor the Sos, nor the Judge in the Court hearing. There is a clear need for this document to be seen. Why was Lovedean chosen?
- B. There are unresolved risks associated with the allotments and Milton common. This is a place of natural beauty and home to diverse wildlife. It is also home to several hundred allotment holders who take great pride in working with nature, creating sustainable and safe places for the local community. Bentonite and associated lubricants could cause harm to the allotments. Inadvertent releases are quite common. The damage to fruit and vegetables, possibly even to people whilst being on the allotments, if a possible breakout occurs, is too high a risk.
- C. This interconnector will cause significant gridlock and transport issues in Portsmouth during construction.
- D. The whole process is biased against residents in favour of private businesses and them making money.
- E. What other alternatives can be explored? Things have significantly changed since this project was first conceived.
- F. There are still problems with permission from France.
- G. NGET has just published that they plan their greatest ever upgrade of the Electricity grid. This gives an opportunity to reinforce the electricity grid all around the country and therefore seek better alternatives than the Aquind Connector.
- H. Aquind published in July 2018 that they would provide energy for 4 million households, the BBC published in 2021 it would provide energy for 5 million households and the latest figures in The Portsmouth News was only 1.4 million homes would be supplied with energy. What is the truth of the figure? Has this misled the Government and the public?
- I. The damage to the environment far outweigh the benefits of this project .
- J. The Fibre optic Cable remains controversial. In Aquind's latest document from 14th June, justification for the FOC is overstated. Yet it is not necessary for any interconnector project. Other interconnectors do not require this inclusion. The loss of Fort Cumberland Car Park is not justifiable.
- K. There is a national security issue that both our MP's have referred to in the past.f

Regards
Judy Walker