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Dear Sir/Madam

I write to lodge my objection to the proposed electricity interconnector between France and Portsmouth. I believe that there are several issues that have not been satisfactorily resolved and that permission should therefore not be granted for this substantial project to go ahead.

I understand that there is a missing feasibility study from 2014 or 2015 regarding the Mannington site. The judgment overruling the decision of the Secretary of State to refuse permission for work at Portsmouth confirms that this has remained confidential. I cannot see why this should be the case for such an important project. This is particularly the case as Portsmouth is one of the most densely populated cities in the UK and the work will cause significant disruption.

I note that the court judgment confirms that the Examining Authority found that there would be harm caused by this project and in such cases it would seem logical that all alternatives should be properly considered. Is it not sensible to consider whether there is a more suitable area with a lower population and less infrastructure which will both be disturbed by the proposed work? It seems certain that the harm to Portsmouth will outweigh the benefits on a local basis.

Although the court judgment says that there will be a national benefit, the extent of this appears to be a matter of debate with previous reports that the power supplied would be sufficient for four or five million homes, while the most recent report suggests that this is in fact likely to be only 1.4 million homes.

The above matters do not consider the potential adverse ecological consequences and loss of local amenity. Further, would it not be in the country's interest to consider more national green energy generation that would not be subject to potential international and political influences and possible supply interruption?

I strongly believe that the decision of the Secretary of State should be upheld and permission for this project should be refused.

Kind regards

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