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Hi

I wish to object to this Aquind Interconnector for several reasons.

1) the disruption throughout the city will be intolerable. Much of the city is undermined by rivers. Sadly not all of the topography of the city is known thanks to maps of the rivers and sewage system being lost from when the civic offices moved to the Civic Centre. This poses a danger to flooding if breached. This was almost the case when the new houses were built in Exmouth Road SOUTHSEA and the digging of foundations uncovered the aquaduct under the Victorian houses opposite the King's Theatre where a spring rises. When it rained a monumental swimming pool filled the foundations. These sites of underground rivers are across the city.

2) The damage done to areas such as Gt Salterns and along the Eastern Road will greatly impact on our natural wildlife. There has been great disruption already because of flood defences but they have at least tried to mitigate this over the breeding season especially the swans. The whole of the foreshore to the Eastern and Northern coastline of Portsmouth must be respected. It's not just Farlington Marshes that should be left alone. The Brent geese feed all along this area when they migrate.

3) LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE! We care about our city. We are constrained by our being an island. We do not want this interchange here. It's the WORST possible place for it. With the Eastern Road out of action for years it's going to be impossible to move around an already daily gridlocked city. Try going down the Eastern Road in rush hour. Where are all the cars going to get off the island? There are only two other roads ... M27 and Hilsea A3 are equally gridlocked at rush hour... losing the Eastern Road will make the city impassable! People's businesses will be drastically impacted in this part of the city. It will cost livelihoods and jobs.

WHY can this interconnector not be landed on the Isle of Wight and connected to the National Grid from there. That would make far more sense. I assume the line cannot go through Portsmouth Harbour due to security risk and disruption to the RN... well we don't want a security risk going through our city either.

We are not nimbys... we want to protect our unique island. We are on a floating shingle bank... our topography is exceedingly rare. Any pipeline will be at risk of rising tides... the Victorian architects knew it. The biggest case of damage to the sewer system is not what is above it but what happens below it. That is true of my road, St Ronan's Road which has regular sink holes appear at the top near Craneswater School... and has had several sewer repairs as a result (follows the line of the canal. Luckily we are one road that is high enough not to flood when the pumping station is overwhelmed as it was a few years ago due to a cloudburst. The Strand temporarily reverted back to The Great Morass... very quickly. Messing with our infrastructure could have the same effect elsewhere ... such as around the other marshland at Gt Salterns.

Nobody wants Aquind. The company is run by a very dodgy Russian... you TRUST him? It won't create substantially more power... we need more power stations not overpriced electricity from France. It's wrong on so many levels! It has twice been dismissed ... please dismiss this once and for all. People will not allow this in their city... it will give rise to protests on a daily basis and we won't want our police involved especially as most agree that Aquind should not surface here!

Regards

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Sent from my iPhone