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I write once more with regard to concerns about Aquind's proposals.

I note that Mannington is now stated as a feasible location, according to NGET communications which have come to light. Does a further study not need to be carried out?

I remain confused as to the contradictions from Aquind re the Fibre Optic Cable aspect of the proposals. Aquind stated in an interview with Portsmouth News published on 30/5/23 that, 'the company[Aquind] has confirmed initial plans to include fibre optic capability alongside it have been dropped,' yet in the Applicant's response to IP responses to SOS on 14/6/23 Aquind appears to continue their insistence on constructing a system that would allow for commercial telecommunication operations at a future point.

Which is it? This is a key point needing clarification. How can the Applicant's proposal be given the green light without definitive clarification?

There are unresolved issues with permissions in France. How can such a major scheme possibly be given approval when there is no landfall agreed on the French coast? And that is aside from incorrect references to Le Havre as the landfall, rather than Hautot sur Mer? Could this be a road to nowhere? And at what cost?

The many harms outweigh the benefits.

How much longer are residents in the Portsmouth area to bear this stress and uncertainty? Kwasi Kwarteng rejected Aquind's project. Mr Schapps, you must stand firm. Too much is at stake for this densely-populated island city.

Yours,

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