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To whom it may concern

I wish to register my objection to the proposed Aquind scheme in Portsmouth.

I do not believe the long-term disruption, along with the construction and maintenance for this project is justified. It will not usefully enhance our energy supplies when other sources, such as on and offshore wind turbines have been under exploited. Reliance on power supplies from overseas is clearly a significant security risk, as the current war in Ukraine exemplifies.

The construction will impact significantly the island of Portsea's natural habitat, parkland and allotments. There are only three roads on and off the island and taking out the Eastern Road for months or years will cause havoc in terms of traffic congestion in the city and further worsen the already fragile environment with even worse CO2 pollution. The construction of this project will involve digging up areas which were once used to bury poisonous waste.

There is a shorter channel crossing from France, nearer Newhaven though the same arguments regarding the unnecessary nature of the scheme apply.

The advantages, in terms of energy supply and communication infrastructure, are far outweighed by environmental issues, long term disruption to city life and potential security issues involving hostile powers. This scheme is opposed by politicians and residents alike in the city. It has been rejected in the past and should be again.

Kind regards

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