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Dear Secretary of State,

AQUIND INTERCONNECTOR PROJECT

I am writing to you following reported delays to your decision on whether to approve the AQUIND interconnector project.

As I wrote to you in January, the people of Portsmouth are united in our opposition against AQUIND and have been clear from the outset that this project would bring untold disruption to our daily lives and natural environment, with no clear benefits.

It has now been seven years since speculation about this project began. It's long gone past the time that Portsmouth people should have received clarity and confirmation on whether it will go ahead. Therefore, **before the parliamentary summer recess begins on Thursday 20 July, will you confirm to me in writing when you expect to make a final decision on this matter?**

The government was right to finally arrive at the correct decision last year to not approve the AQUIND interconnector project. AQUIND's desperate attempt to re-run the argument through the High Court doesn't change the facts, and it shouldn't change the outcome.

I look forward to receiving your swift response on this matter of concern to my constituents.

Yours sincerely,


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