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House of Commons

Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP
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Dear Secretary of State,

AQUIND Interconnector Project

I am writing to congratulate you on your new role and raise an issue of importance to both my constituency and your portfolio, namely the AQUIND interconnector project.

You will be aware the people of Portsmouth are awaiting a decision from your Department as to whether this project can go ahead.

As raised on numerous occasions with your predecessor and in the House, 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 is long gone past the time that my constituents should have received clarity and confirmation on whether it will go ahead. Therefore, will you confirm to me when you expect to make a final decision on this important 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 does not change the facts, and it should not 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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