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To: Aquind Interconnector

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## To Whom it May Concern

I have been against this Aquind project from the very beginning but recent events have caused me to write and send my views on what is an wholly absurd idea.

Last Friday I took what was due to be a 20 minute round trip car journey from Whale Island, Portsmouth to Farlington, I started out 12.30 pm and eventually got back at 2.10pm! the closing of the Eastern Road, and the subsequent diversion off the M27 at the Hilsea turnoff was nothing short of ridiculous! It caused backed up traffic as far as the A3 to Havant and into the M275 into Portsea and caused at least two accidents that I actually witnessed.

The thought that Aquind would dig up a city, situated on an island, that would cause untold misery for drivers and residents, not to mention all the environmental issues, for however long this ill thought out project would take, is just madness and with no benefit to the City itself but just to line the pockets of "Tory Doners" is scandalous and MUST NOT be allowed to go ahead.

Now the residents of Portsmouth have seen what chaos of a closed Eastern Road looks like, it makes us all the more determined to STOP this project now before you close down our city and bring it to a standstill, put our businesses at risk, cause our children to travel over a building site to get to school, this really is very worrying. It will deter visitors coming to visit our wonderful seafront or visit our amazing Historical Dockyard or even come to see Portsmouth FC play at home! STOP IT NOW!

Regards Heather Robinson -Portsea Resident.