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Dear Sir/Madam

We recently had a dark vision of the future, here in Portsmouth, when the Eastern Road had to be closed for just a few days due to a burst sewer. I know that fellow residents have sent screen shots of the chaos that ensued.

During that time, our tiny island city was pretty much gridlocked with some people taking 2.5hrs to travel 2 miles home from their workplaces on the mainland. Imagine that every day for at least a couple of years during the major excavation required to lay a large cable all the way up the island, when it could quite easily have gone up through Langstone Harbour with minimal disruption to day to day activities.

Because of Aquind's preferred choice of route, we face awful consequences: the impact on the environment/ecology through the destruction of wildlife habitat; increased pollution from standing traffic; delays and increased costs for commercial and industrial traffic; severe delays to access for emergency services; effects on mental health locally and not forgetting the risk to National Security through the later, curious addition of a data cable to the scheme.

This island is the most densely populated city in the UK - it is already facing development threats to historic sites and its currently protected seafront, as a result of other construction - like the attempt to meet national house building targets where, unlike other major cities, we have no suburbs to expand into.

Whilst I understand that we need to find ways to generate additional energy, surely recent studies into the potential capacity that wind and solar can bring, should be factored in and I am still hopeful that at some point wisdom will prevail on the benefits of renewing our nuclear build programme. If it had been continued 20 years ago we'd be self sufficient by now and not reliant on solutions like this bizarrely constructed scheme that even the French end of the cable don't want!

It is not the right solution and it is definitely not in the right place, the impact on this unique city would be intolerable.

It has already been refused once by the appropriate ministry - judicial review notwithstanding, it is time to stop it completely.

I look forward to an acknowledgement of this objection and hope that the very large groundswell of local (and wider) support for the Stop Aquind campaign will at some point be recognised and treated with the respect it deserves.

Please REFUSE the Aquind Interconnector.

Regards

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Sent from my iPhone