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Dear sirs,

Re. Aquind interconnector application.

As a resident of Southsea, and home owner near the proposed sites. I write to express my deep disappointment that we are still debating this. I wholly and completely disagree with the Aquind plans, and hope that the objections to this are considered in the seriousness in which they are intended.

The grounds for rejecting the proposals are so many and varied that it's almost overwhelming to know where to begin.

Fundamentally;

- the project firstly is the result of wide and large scale corruption. This alone should be enough to dismiss the application but alas it seems not. What a shame that politics has not evolved to serve the people. Furthermore, how disillusioned will another generation be should all the opposition be ignored - what exactly are we demonstrating to future leaders; that corruption wins and the voice of those affected are unheard. Wouldn't it be truly remarkable if this time the decision was to listen and change course. An opportunity exists here....
- environmentally this proposition is disgraceful, and shows a complete disregard and lack of understanding of the local area. The traffic chaos that already exists in the the UK's second most densely populated city. It is comical to suggest we need years more construction, disruption and pollution. Not to mention house purchases. I'll quote another residents objections below

To even consider letting a zero track-record company go ahead and remove numerous listed trees; rip up ground harbouring dormant toxic waste; severely restrict city road access on the eastern shoreline of the most populated peninsular on the south coast; cut through an incredibly important area of special scientific interest on Langstone Harbour; dig its way up Portsdown Hill and carve a trench through the densely populated London Road and East Hampshire countryside as far as Lovedean; adding to what are known to be already exceptionally high pollution levels and creating an estimated Seven Years of traffic chaos, all for the sake of trying to bring Non-Eco friendly nuclear power from France, a country that has so far completely rejected this scheme, to our shores, is quite simply, an absolutely ludicrous scheme which simply cannot be justified at any time, on any rational level.

- as a scientist and biologist who has spent time diving in the seas I have understood first hand the consequences of a lack of regard for ocean welfare. It is quite simple. If the seas and oceans die, we die. It is not a threat but scientific fact. Humanity's disrespect for the oceans will lead to our own demise. Destroying the sea floor and causing unimaginable chaos under the sea, will only contribute to the destruction we are causing.
- there are ongoing security concerns, between the various links to Russia. In October 2023 an article in the times referred to Russia targeting undersea infrastructure. What a new target are we to offer to adversaries.
- neither the British nor the French support this project.

I am sure there are many more objections but will leave my thoughts as this; ultimately any of these points alone should be sufficient to prevent this proceeding. The very fact that there are so many significant flaws, from security, to environmental, to ethical, there is reason enough to reject this proposal once and for all.

Yours faithfully

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