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I am writing regarding the application by Aquind to build their interconnector from France to the UK, via Portsmouth.

I am not commenting upon the need for this project. However, if approved, I am deeply concerned about the potential route for this running through the eastern side of Portsea Island; this would be highly inefficient and inappropriate.

The cable would travel 150 miles across the channel, and then travel a further 3 miles through Portsmouth (before it's onward journey to the converter station). However the proposed route through Portsea Island runs not only parallel, but within just a few metres of the sea! (Langstone harbour) The route could just as easily run a further 3 miles through the harbour to reach land without digging up or disrupting any part of the land / traffic etc..

This part of the coastline has recently been protected against potential higher tides in the future, with a new sea wall already completed along most of the eastern side of Portsmouth, with the last part to be completed over the next few months. This area has already been landscaped with new grass, plants and trees. It would be devastating to have this dug up again. Please do not let this happen. It would also be a disaster to dig up the road, as the Eastern road carries a lot of traffic, and is one of only 3 routes onto / out of Portsea Island. This route was recently disrupted for just a few days due to a burst sewer; the road and nearby A27 was very badly affected as a consequence; a long road closure would make life very difficult for businesses, residents and the many visitors to Portsmouth, particularly during the summer months.

In summary, I strongly believe that if the project goes ahead, that it absolutely should not run through the land of Portsea Island, when there is clearly an easier, cheaper, less disruptive alternative.

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