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I am writing to yet again oppose this proposal.

To keep things short, the 2 local MP's & Portsmouth City Council vehemently oppose this ill thought out project. The MOD have now expressed serious concerns.

This Company has no experience whatsoever in this field. A Russian is behind this Company & donations of substantial amounts have been made to Conservative MP's. Should we even be contemplating business with a person connected to Russia. Also, the French have continually rejected their plans.

Where is this Company getting the funds from to finance their project? They also seek to lay a fibre cable. The implications of this need no explanation. There are far better ways to undertake this project causing far less upheaval. To want to dig up one of the few green places in Portsmouth is fraught with problems, I.e. health issues for residents. Milton Common used to be a tip & no-one knows exactly what is underneath. There is definitely toxic waste & we cannot have more trees planted as there is a membrane underneath.

We have had sewer problems along the Eastern Road, necessitating the closure of part of the southbound carriageway. This is the third closure & has caused considerable chaos to commuters, meaning the 2 other roads in & out of Portsmouth have been gridlocked. Aquind have no right in saying their project will have minimal disruption. I suggest the person responsible for making the decision comes to Portsmouth to meet with the Council & MP's to travel the route & see how ridiculous this project is. It is of no benefit to Portsmouth whatsoever.

Kwasi Kwartan rejected this project & the same decision should be made again. I would also point out that Aquind said when they won their appeal, they would seek to interact with residents, this has NOT happened. These people cannot be trusted & agreeing to Russian involvement should not even be contemplated. It will lead to people thinking it is agreed because they donate substantial funds to Conservatives.

Penny Mordaunt has an awful amount of knowledge on this matter & she should be listened to. Stop all these delays & make the right decision & refuse the project. The French have a backbone & so should this Government.

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