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Good evening,

Last night Councillor Antonia Harrison, organised a meeting for Purbrook and WaterlooVille residents to discuss the issues regarding the Aquind Interconnector.

Let' s Stop Aquind took part. Various councillors from along the proposed route joined the meeting. It became apparent that residents were shocked to hear about the effects the Aquind Interconnector project would have on their daily lives for a substantial time. Unforeseen problems at the ladybridge roundabout (we have sent documents beforehand to PINs) could take up to a year to do the necessary work, should Aquind get the DCO.

Councillor David Chrichton outlined the effects of this project during construction time in depth. The slide show presented by Let' s Stop Aquind showed the problems facing the residents of Purbrook and WaterlooVille.

I attach the sideshow so that the SoS can get a clear picture.

There are videos, pictures on this website which show clearly why this project should be refused.

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The environmental damage, the chaos ,gridlock and congestion, the consequences for emergency services, businesses, schools and residents are too big a risk.

I sincerely hope that the SoS at the DESNZ, Ed Milliband, will soon make the right decision.

The residents have been waiting for 4 years and 3 months since the examination and deserve an answer to their concerns and worries.

Many Thanks,
Viola Langley

Proposed Route of the Aquind Interconnector from Langston Harbour

The cables will travel north under Langstone Harbour, a site of special scientific interest, plus home to vitally important saltmarsh and seagrass meadow habitats .



The cables will tunnel under the busy motorway before a huge proportion of the Farlington playing fields is taken over for ditches. These fields are used all year round for sports by the local community. The carpark for the playing fields will also be taken over temporarily. The cables then head north through Sainsbury's supermarket carpark before cutting up the dual carriageway.



From here the cables trenches will run up the main route to the top of Portsdown Hill past houses and by a school.



The deep trenches go west along the top of Portsdown Hill, including through a popular viewing spot carpark which also is used for people to access the green spaces here. The trenches then cut into the main road (which provides direct access south to QA Hospital) before running north into Purbrook and leaving Portsmouth.



This major north/south road runs from the top of Portsdown Hill, through Purbrook and Widley, and down towards Waterlooville. The area is residential, a major public transport route, and a key route to the hospital, and there will be major disruption with the road dug up for months at a time. Some privately owned areas will be taken over during the construction.



At the bottom of the hill from Purbrook running north to Waterlooville the major roundabout connects many different communities and provides a link to the college and shopping/retail.



This major road continues north and is a vital link for people both in long-standing and new communities, disruption will impact thousands of families for many, many months, or even years.



Not only is the main road dug up to lay the cables but areas of public green space will be taken over during the planned construction work. At this point in Waterloo and north through to Denmead there are many, many businesses that depend on this vital road link.



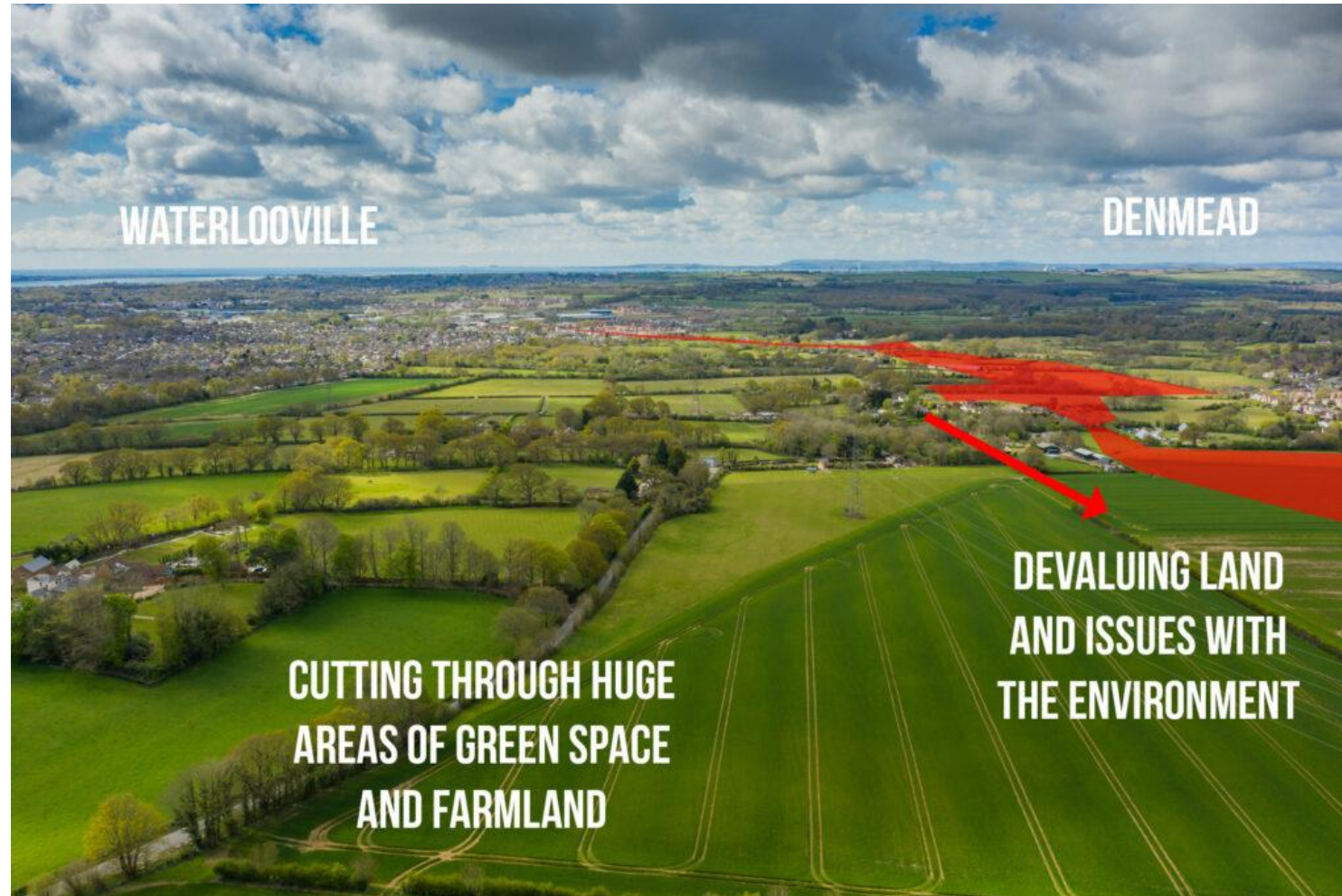
The Aquind Interconnector proposed route follows the main road into the centre of Waterloo, impacting local businesses, retails and also the main fire station, which is on this main road.



This very busy roundabout connects two main routes through Waterlooville and also access to a major retail park as well as a large business park, the high street parking and a major new residential development. the disruption at this point will have far-reaching implications for local families, businesses both small and large and visitors to the area.



Moving through Waterlooville and out towards Denmead and Lovedean the route now cuts deeply into the countryside of the South Downs, through green spaces and then farmland. This will impact both crops and harvests, the value of land and also be detrimental to the local environment and wildlife.



The route moves north towards the Lovedean Sub Station, with huge swathes of farmland taken over. Local people will have this development both on their land and right by their homes, with access routes also takeover to the development.



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The route will finally end with a very large area of land by the Lovedean Sub Station, purchased against the wishes of local people. Building a large building and the general construction will both change the landscape, impact local people and wildlife but will also require disruptive access routes cutting through people's land/gardens and via public paths and roads.



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