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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 09, 2025 20:32  
**To:** Aquind Interconnector <aquind@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** NI Enquiries <NIEnquiries@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Aquind Interconnector

Dear Jake,  
Thank you for your reply.

Today , on the 9.December 2025, PCC unanimously showed their opposition to the Aquind Interconnector.

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A motion on the Aquind interconnector , was supported by LSA. Various councillors expressed their concerns and worries during the Full Council meeting. The vote to support this motion is absolutely clear, now as it was 11 years ago. The city says clearly no to this project. Every Party , every Councillor and the residents agree on this.

The government must surely recognise that this project must be refused.

Regards,  
Viola Langley  
LSA

Motion:

**Aquind**

Proposed by: Councillor [REDACTED]  
Seconded by: Councillor [REDACTED]

The threat of the Aquind interconnector has been with Portsmouth since 2014 when the idea was first floated.

2018 saw the then Secretary of State confirm the interconnector as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP).

Between 2014 and today, there has been and continues to be huge uncertainty with this project. So far, all political parties on all of the Councils that would be affected have been as one speaking out about this disastrous project alongside our residents. We have also seen and have supported fantastic campaigning work from the Let's Stop Aquind group here in Portsmouth

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and Non a Aquind in France. We stand united that this interconnector will cause devastating damage not just to Portsmouth's environment but would also see gridlock in the city, loss of recreational space and general disruption to the east side of our city and further afield.

Although a former Secretary of State ( [REDACTED] ) initially refused permission for the £1.35 billion Aquind interconnector project , AQUIND Ltd challenged the decision, and in January 2023, the High Court quashed Kwarteng's refusal and asked for it to be reconsidered. Since that decision, we have had 5 different Secretaries of State and, to this day, no decision has yet been made by any of them. This has left the people of Portsmouth, Winchester and Havant in limbo.

This Council acknowledges that severe concerns have been raised in 2024 by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) about the potential for the project to impede naval operations in Portsmouth. It also notes that concerns have been raised around issues with national security to do with this project. This shows that there are and continues to be major problems with the proposal and that this interconnector should not be allowed to proceed.

This Council notes that a letter, jointly agreed by Let's Stop Aquind, Non a Aquind and the Leaders of Portsmouth, Havant and Winchester Councils has been sent to the relevant ministers in both Portsmouth and France and requests that the Leader publicly shares any responses he receives.

The Council reaffirms its opposition to the Aquind interconnector project.

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#### Let' s Stop Aquind Deputation

Good afternoon,

We , at Let' s Stop Aquind are very pleased to see this item on the agenda for full council. We cannot stress enough how important it is that this unnecessary and unwanted project is consistently and unilaterally opposed within the city of Portsmouth and beyond.

Our recent cross channel, cross party and multi disciplinary online meeting, held on the 26th November , clearly demonstrated how strongly all Interested Parties are resisting the Aquind Interconnector.

Unfortunately many residents are still unaware of the threat this project would cause. We are delighted that PCC is continuing to highlight the need to inform the public and to motivate the residents to emphasise their opposition.

The collaboration in composing, revising and publishing our joint letter of the 25th November 2025, demonstrates the collective will of all those affected.

In that letter, we called upon the UK government to end our unacceptable, long drawn- out suffering while waiting for a decision from the government.

We urged the government to put an end to the project- to refuse the Development Consent Order.

We repeated the many negative impacts that would occur.

In view of the rapidly- unfolding climate and environmental breakdown, this project stands out as worthless and highly damaging.

At the recent National Emergency Briefing in London the purpose of which was to inform MPs and other Parliamentarians of the extreme severity of our climate breakdown, one expert 's analysis was very relevant to this project.

Lieutenant- General, Richard Nugee, spoke of the risks to National Security that were built into the UK system of importing energy. With hybrid warfare developing alongside AI underwater cables would be very vulnerable from attack. The direction he urged the UK government to follow was for home grown energy.

I would urge you all to use your energy to address the climate emergency we face. I have already sent a copy of a letter which grew out of National emergency Briefing to our council leader. I urge you to ask for a copy of this letter and respond to its call.

We thank you PCC for your never ending support for our campaign - no more so than over the past few months .

Let' s Stop Aquind !

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**Sent:** 08 December 2025 12:39

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Dear Viola,

Thank you for your email.

We will indeed be publishing the documents in due course, apologies for the delay. I can confirm however that these were shared with the SoS immediately upon receipt.

Kind regards,

Jake



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**Subject:** Aquind Interconnector

Dear Jake,

Recently two documents have been sent to you. One contains the link to a meeting which took place on the 26th November and the other a joined letter signed by Let's Stop Aquind, council leaders, an MP, Non A Aquind and the president of theaters along the route in Normandy.

Will you in due course publish these documents?

Regards,  
Viola Langley  
LSA

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