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to aquind



Dear Mr Kwarteng

I write to you again with regards to your long awaited already delayed decision on the Aquind interconnector project.

Portsmouth has so much to be concerned about being an island, sea level rise, overpopulation, alarming pollution levels, too few areas of natural biodiversity, wildlife decline, polluted sea, marine life decline, the necessity for more housing, sewage problems etc. Do you honestly want to add to any of these problems by allowing a company to rip through the city causing even more disruption, more chaos, more pollution, delaying or disrupting much needed sea defence work, as who really knows what the future holds for a city surrounded by water? The last thing our city needs is any delay in this already planned and started project that is indeed imperative and will be beneficial to the city unlike the Aquind interconnector. I would also like to remind you of some other key points that I feel are extremely important and need taking into consideration when making your decision.

1.

The landfall of the cable will be at Eastney in Portsmouth (UK)

The cable is intended to take a north bound route hollowing through, historical landfill known to contain (Asbestos), Under the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995, planning authorities have to consult with the (Environment Agency) to develop land within (250) meters of landfill sites, including any land that has been used as a landfill site within the last 30 years or likely to be used as one in the near future. The area in and around where the cable is going is a great concern of mine for this reason. This project doesn't need planning permission from (local authority) as deemed a (project of national significance). It is a daunting probability that whilst this project is going ahead, disturbing extremely dangerous substances that are in the ground, will be detrimental to all those in and around the city of Portsmouth.

2.

The Locks, Langstone shore and Milton Common this is one of Portsmouth's only areas of natural biodiversity where, hundreds of natural habitats for many species of wild-life and marine-life, two being The Brent Goose and the Great Crested Newt, both protected species under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The site is a very large area of grassland, scrub and ponds located on the edge of Langstone Harbour, on the edge of Portsmouth. The site is reclaimed intertidal land from around 40 years ago. The grassland present ranges from amenity to rough sward. The rough grassland has developed a good diversity of species, with a strong coastal element. There is extensive dense and scattered scrub throughout the site, especially to the east. There are three ponds present, which provide some stands of swamp. The coastal edge of the site supports salt-marsh vegetation. Overall the species diversity is excellent, with nearly 200 species noted within the common. These include 3 acid/neutral grassland indicators and the Nationally Rare *Bupleurum tenuissimum* and *Lathyrus aphaca*, the Nationally Scarce *Medicago polymorpha*, and the County Scarce *Smyrniolum olusatrum* and *Linum bienne*. \

3.

The route of the cable carries on up through Eastern Road, one of the three main arteries in and out of Portsmouth, disruption to this road would be indeed sheer chaos. I'd also like to point out that Portsmouth

is outside of London, the most densely populated city. The city is already at an alarming pollution level, (DEFRA is currently providing extensive direction, guidance and support to PCC, requiring them to develop local action plans and to benchmark these against the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) Framework for England published in 2017. The support provided includes funding to enable them to help take the necessary action to improve AQ whilst minimising the impact of these plans on individuals and businesses. Therefore to pin point Portsmouth as the city to be subjected to disruption on one of the busiest roads in and out, would cause an enormous amount of congestion and force traffic elsewhere to find other routes. Portsmouth has numerous hot spots of high air pollution, to force even more traffic through any area for even a limited amount of time, would be detrimental to people's health.

4. NUCLEAR ENERGY

The waste from nuclear energy is radioactive, hazardous to humans and the environment, accidents can be catastrophic, it is also (non renewable) energy, using uranium that is extremely destructive, it pollutes local water supplies, leaving tons of toxic waste, mining for uranium releases random emissions and wind blown dust.

Therefore, going forward using green energy, nuclear energy isn't a good choice when there are many other options of 'green renewables' to choose from.

I hope you take this gravely concerned objection into consideration when making your decision.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Paula Savage