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I write to you once again in complete objection to the proposed Aquind Inter-connector project from France to Portsmouth. Having been part of the original 'Let's stop Aquind' campaign over the last three years, I have been enlightened to many important reasons why this project must be stopped. Our city is one of the most densely populated in Europe and as the UK's only island city, it possesses few main roads on and off of the island. This project, if is not stopped will unleash unacceptable environmental chaos & residential & commuter misery amongst the already extremely busy roads and communities in and around the city. The traffic will be forced to find other routes and will without doubt cause even more pollution when it is already subjected to alarming and illegal levels of pollution caused by traffic. As the UK's premier naval port & one of the south coasts busiest commercial ports, the Aquind project will significantly amplify the environmental impact we already face in Portsmouth. Pollution levels are causing lung disease and premature death. It would be humanely wrong and morally unjust for this project to go ahead, so for this one reason alone, the project should be stopped and cancelled indefinitely once and for all.

I would also like to point out, that an area in Eastney is renowned as a historical landfill sight, a dumping ground for 400 years of Dockyard and MOD waste, we know there are many toxic chemicals & elements buried where the cable is proposed to be tunnelling through, this would be catastrophic if disturbed, one being asbestos, with a speck of this dust potentially fatal.

Regarding our treasured areas of biodiversity, wildlife, and marine life. Langstone Harbour is an internationally recognised marine zone with over 200 protected species located in this Site of Special Scientific Interest, also a Ramsar site and registered as a Special Protection Area. In addition, it forms part of the Solent Maritime Special Area of Conservation, including the shoreline and parts of the reclaimed Milton common. This would a travesty and shameful action to disturb the unique fauna and flora located in this naturally rich wildlife haven, where the term 'temporary disruption' offered but Aquind is a falsehood. Will the thousands of 'protected' Brent geese that choose Langstone Harbour as their destination during the winter months, after flying thousands of miles need to find somewhere else? How can we trust this company to implement mitigation measures? A company that has not listened to the concerns of thousands of residents and businesses in our communities.'

I ask and urge you to consider your decision wisely, especially as we are in a climate emergency and areas that will be disturbed and disrupted should be without question be preserved and protected.

I look forward to hearing from you

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