From: Martin Grice

To: MARTIN, Amanda (MP); Aquind Interconnector

Subject: AQUIND Interconnector **Date:** 04 February 2025 13:17:55

Dear Amanda and Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to urge you to take decisive action to prevent any further public funds from being wasted on the AQUIND interconnector project. As you are well aware, there is overwhelming local opposition to this scheme, which AQUIND continues to push despite its rejection. The project has been met with strong objections from residents, councils, the MOD, and MP's on entirely justified ground's yet it continues to linger unnecessarily.

It is now deeply concerning that AQUIND is mounting a counter-objection to the MOD's opposition. This project is not wanted here in Hampshire, nor is it welcomed in France. At a time when the UK's finances are under immense strain, surely there are far more pressing and deserving priorities than yet another attempt to outsource our electricity supply abroad.

Significant public money has already been spent processing planning applications, conducting surveys, and debating this matter. It is long past time for the government to draw a line under this and put an end to what has become a costly and drawn-out distraction.

I urge you to apply further pressure in Westminster to ensure this waste of time and resources is finally stopped.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your reply.

Best regard

Martin Grice

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