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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to the Aquind Interconnector

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am not a political person and have a laid-back demeanour but once again I am having to write my opposition to the Aquind Interconnector Project because it is not wanted. It wasn't wanted 5 years ago and is still not wanted now and yet it will not go away.

It will not have any benefit to the people of the most densely populated City in the UK, outside London. It will only cause traffic gridlock for the residence of our great City and the surrounding area.

This disruption is not small, it will affect the daily lives of people from Portsmouth and the surrounding areas for 5 to 7 years if this project is allowed to go ahead.

The objection from the Ministry of Defence regarding security issues should have put an end to this project and I thought it had. However, Aquind are still pushing forward, questioning our defence experts even though we all know that there is fibre optic telecommunications network attached to it that even if it is reported to be used to monitor the cable, it is still very worrying.

On the Eastern side of our Great Waterfront City, are the new sea defences built at great expense whilst Aquind has been ignoring our previous objections. The area around these new sea defences have been beautifully landscaped to protect thousands of houses and businesses from flooding. These flood defences must not be destroyed for a cable that will destroy the wild life of Langstone Harbour, a Ramsar and SSSI site that must be protected as do our homes and business from flooding.

Recent reports state that tourism is considered a key part of Portsmouth's local economy, contributing around £600 million annually to the City, supporting roughly 12,000 jobs in the area. Portsmouth is now a destination for Cruise Ships with the Portsmouth Coach Tours becoming increasingly popular but this would stop if the Eastern side of the Island is destroyed by this project. Any other traffic routes would become too congested as a result of digging up a main arterial road for an unwanted cable.

The location has always been a contention, why when the French landing site is near Dieppe, is it always stated as Le Havre which is miles away from Dieppe. Even with my limited geography it does not make sense for a cable to go out of its way to Portsmouth when East Sussex would be cheaper and nearer.

All our MPs, our Councils, our residence and the French say **NO** - Please stop this project and let us get on with our lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Mrs Lyness.