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Dear Sirs,

Please include the attached letter dated 3 February 2025 from Havant Borough Council to The Rt Hon Edward Miliband MP Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero sent by Cllr Philip Munday, Leader of the Council, and counter-signed by many councillors.

Kindly confirm when this has been actioned.

Kind regards,
Councillor [REDACTED]
Liberal Democrats Purbrook Ward Councillor
Assistant Cabinet Lead - Thriving Waterlooville
Havant Borough Council, Public Service Plaza, Havant, PO9 2AX

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Letter to Ed Miliband

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 2 attachments (517 KB)

241125 HBC Letter to Ed Miliband .pdf; 250115 Full HBC Council motion on Stop Aquind.pdf;

Dear Secretary of State,

We write further to our letter of 25th November 2024 (attached).

Councillors from all five parties of Havant Borough Council passed a motion (attached) to raise public awareness of the Aquind Interconnector project and the potential disruption and environmental damage it would cause. We highlighted the Stop Aquind campaign, French grassroots opposition from Non a Aquind and La Voix des Elus and the known support of three current local MPs (plus two past local MPs). Additionally, the expert opinion of the Ministry of Defence on 23rd August 2024 and Ofgem on 12th November 2024 rejecting Aquind's application for a cap and floor regime as, "We are concerned with the potential negative effect this project has on the system." (1)

Given that Ofgem have judged the Aquind interconnector "would be a predominant exporter of energy and not online before 2032", highlighting deliverability issues, we urge you to refuse permission for this project immediately and ease local anxiety as soon as possible.

1. https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-11/Window_3_IPA_Decision.pdf p.58-64

1)

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Philip Munday – Leader, Labour – Havant St Faith's
Councillor Philippa Gray – Deputy Leader, Liberal Democrats - Bedhampton
Councillor Antonia Harrison – Liberal Democrats – Purbrook
Councillor Paul Tansom – Liberal Democrats – Purbrook
Councillor Gillian Harris – Labour – St Faiths
Cllr Munazza Faiz – Labour – Leigh Park Central and West Leigh
Cllr Daniel Berwick – Labour – Havant St Faith's
Cllr Jonathan Hulls – Green Party - Hayling West
Cllr Jason Horton – Labour – Leigh Park Central and West Leigh
Cllr Simon Hagan – Labour - Stakes
Cllr Mark Coates – Labour – Hayling East
Cllr Charles Robert – Green Party - Emsworth
Cllr Paul Gray – Liberal Democrats – Hayling West
Cllr Grainne Rason – Green Party - Emsworth
Cllr Richard Brown – Labour – Leigh Park Hermitage
Cllr Michael Lind – Liberal Democrats – Bedhampton
Cllr Neil Bowdell – Conservative – Cowplain
Cllr Ann Briggs – Conservatives – Hart Plain
Cllr Sharon Collings – Reform UK – Leigh Park Central and West Leigh
Cllr Caren Diamond – Conservatives – Purbrook
Cllr Elizabeth Lloyd – Independent – Stakes

Cllr Sarah Milne – Conservatives – Stakes
Cllr Amy Redsull – Labour – Leigh Park Hermitage
Cllr Netty Shepherd – Green Party – Hayling East
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Notice of Motion to Council

Title: Stop Aquind Interconnector Project

Background Text / Context:

If allowed, the Aquind interconnector project will cause years of disruption passing through Purbrook and Waterlooville and inconvenience anyone using the Eastern Road in Portsmouth, heading for Southsea, St Mary's Hospital and Fratton Park. Environmental damage will be caused to Langstone Harbour from digging up deeply buried heavy metals and toxic waste in Portsmouth.

The UK needs more electricity but Aquind would only provide a net 2% gain. The HVDC (High Voltage Direct Current) requires a converter station at Lovedean whose footprint would be 200m x 200m up to 26m in height.

Fibre optic cables would also be installed for commercial telecommunications purposes.

Let's Stop Aquind and two groups in France have combined forces to continue resistance.

Suella Braverman MP and both Portsmouth's MPs are against the Aquind project.

In August 2024, the MoD wrote an open statement outlining threats to UK defence and national security pertaining to the Naval Base. The project would,

“clearly and unacceptably impede and compromise the safe and effective use of HMNB Portsmouth and operations there and in the surrounding area of the English Channel.”

On 12 November, Ofgem gave approval to three of seven proposed interconnector projects, not Aquind. It was rejected due to remaining high constraint costs and to deliverability issues.

In 2018, the Government designated Aquind as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project requiring DCO consent from the Secretary of State. Kwasi Kwarteng denied permission which was overturned by appeal and the decision now lies with Ed Miliband MP, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ('SoS ESNZ').

The Council Leader, Cllr Phil Munday, wrote to Ed Miliband on 25th November 2024 asking him to deny permission to the project, supported by most of the Coalition Administration, including an excerpt from Suella Braverman MP.

The Motion:

Members are requested to:

1. Support the following statement:

Havant Borough Council opposes the Aquind Interconnector project on the grounds of the environmental damage, chaos, gridlock and congestion. The consequences for emergency services, businesses, schools and residents are too big a risk.

Havant Borough Council joins other objectors in publicly rejecting the project, including the MoD, three local MPs and the Let's Stop Aquind Campaign, Ofgem have granted approved to three of seven interconnector projects but not Aquind.

2. Request that the Leader of the Council write again to the Secretary of State seeking that a decision is made on the project immediately and that it be refused, ending the uncertainty for local people.

Proposed by: Cllr Antonia Harrison (Liberal Democrat)

Seconded by: Cllr Richard Brown (Labour)

Date Submitted: 9 January 2025

Time: