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The application from Aquind has been opposed to for a long time. It's time the Company in question received the same judgement prior to their granting of Appeal. Local people do NOT want this interconnector for the same reasons as previous:

- 1. Affect through road closure for a lengthy time and Aquind's trench disturbs established habitats that have become established over many years.
- 2. Local businesses are likely to be affected detrimentally. Locally, the island relies on through-roads.
- 3. The MOD has raised concerns over national security. This should be foremost in the Planning Inspectorate's concerns and we have a dockyard used by the Royal Navy within the city.
- 4. France has already said "Non A Aquind" at its proposed starting point, and building of the Interconnector.
- 5. The UK needs to focus on home-grown, sustainable energy sources.
- 6. Given that OFGEM has current issues, their input cannot be trusted.
- 7. There is a fragile under-water ecosystem that is very likely to be disturbed. This, in itself, cannot be allowed to happen.
- 8. With roads being affected, this brings about further pollution. The City Council is active in addressing this issue.
- 9. The proposed route of the trench is over an old, toxic, landfill site and is unsafe to dig.
- 10. The National Grid has had little, or no response to questions as to whether the huge, proposed site to join its service is appropriate.
- 11. How is the undersea cable to be maintained, and over how many years?

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