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**Subject:** AQUIND inter-connector Portsmouth further objection!

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to you again because I really cannot stay silent about the Aquind Interconnector. Like so many others in our community, residents, councillors, and MPs alike, I'm deeply frustrated and increasingly alarmed that this project is still under consideration.

The proposed route slices straight through Portsmouth, the most densely populated city in the country. That alone should raise serious red flags. The disruption would be enormous, our roads, our homes, our daily lives would all be thrown into chaos. And let's not forget: Portsmouth is already the third most polluted city in the UK. Adding even more air pollution to a place already struggling with toxic levels is not just irresponsible, it's dangerous.

But it doesn't stop there. This project threatens local wildlife and natural habitats. It risks disturbing toxic materials in the ground, and the environmental impact on our fragile marine ecosystem is being measured using a report that's more than five years out of date. How can that possibly be acceptable?

Essential services, our hospitals, emergency responders, local businesses, would be directly affected. The people and systems we rely on every day should not be collateral damage for a private energy scheme with such questionable benefit.

Let's not forget that both Ofgem and the French energy regulator, CRE, have already refused the project. Even the Ministry of Defence has warned of serious national security risks. And when France itself has rejected the proposal, what sense does it make for us to push forward?

At a time when the UK urgently needs to focus on clean, homegrown, and secure energy, Aquind feels like a step in the wrong direction, expensive, disruptive, and fraught with risk.

This project is not just unnecessary. It's deeply flawed, poorly supported, and overwhelmingly opposed by the very people who would be forced to live with its consequences. I urge you to listen, to act, and to bring this damaging proposal to an end once and for all.

Regards  
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