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Subject: Aquind proposal impact on Portsmouth Allotments

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Dear sirs,

I write to express my concerns about the proposed use of the allotments off Locksway Road in Portsmouth to route a power cable towards the north of the city. I am a plot holder [REDACTED]. Although my plot is not on the immediate route, I am extremely worried that the installation and maintenance of the cable will have a significant detrimental impact on a very precious amenity. In such a densely populated city, the allotments provide a very precious amenity for many of us residents. It allows me to connect with the outdoors, to cultivate fruit vegetables and even a few flowers. I am very aware of the calming positive influence working the soil surrounded by birdsong and striving to cultivate food has on both my mental and physical health.

Such a large scale commercial project will inevitably create the risk of disturbance, damage and contamination in such a vital location.

Today I was dealing with a stressful life event but escaping to my plot, harvesting tomatoes, beans, potatoes and nasturtiums with the background noise of songbirds such as robins, bluetits, blackcaps and siskins worked as a salve to my whole being. Please do not allow this to jeopardise such an important amenity.

Yours faithfully,
Karen Thompson