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Dear Sirs

**RE: Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11
Application by Xlinks 1 Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project (the Proposed Development)**

Response from Cornwall Council


Thank you for your consultation seeking the views of the Head of Planning at Cornwall Council in relation to a Scoping Opinion for the above project which has been forwarded to me for a reply.

It is noted that, in terms of local authority decision making, the terrestrial part of the project lies outside our administrative area and within Torridge District Council. On that basis, we have no comment to make on the terrestrial part of the project, instead deferring the planning related advice to my colleagues in that Authority's area. In terms of the marine based aspects of the scheme, as you will be aware, the extent of the UK planning system extends to the mean low water mark; on this basis, we have no comments to make on such aspects as fall outside of our jurisdiction. That said, the Council is keen to continue engagement on this transboundary project, including the forthcoming PEIR, and supports the principle of low carbon technologies as part of our declaration in 2019 of a Climate Emergency and subsequent adoption in 2023 of a Climate Emergency Development Plan Document which is available here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/adopted-plans/climate-emergency-development-plan-document/>. These themes are also considered in the Council's Maritime Strategy 2012 – 2030, to which I provide a link here: <https://planforfalmouth.info/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Maritime-strategy-2012.pdf>, which you may find particularly useful, as this Strategy considers the wider influence of the maritime sector on Cornwall's environment and culture. The Council is keen to ensure that all relevant aspects of the marine environment are appropriately considered and assessed as part of the EIA process supporting this transboundary project. Inter alia, the Council is keen to ensure that all likely significant environmental effects (both positive and negative) on fishing, ecology, tourism and other sea based recreational interests are appropriately considered in the Environmental Statement. Finally, the Council would draw your attention to the Coastal Concordat <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-coastal-concordat-for-england/a-coastal-concordat-for-england-revised-december-2019> - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and its provisions to ensure that the various consenting processes in and around the coast are effectively applied.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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