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1 STATUTORY CONSULTATION PUBLICITY

1.1 Consultation newsletter

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Community Newsletter

May 2024

We are now holding a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK elements of the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project').

Our consultation will be held from:
Thursday, 16 May 2024 - Thursday, 27 June 2024

During the consultation period, you'll be able to view our proposals by attending events and/or webinars or viewing the documents online.

The aim of the consultation is to inform you about the latest updates to our proposals and hear your thoughts and feedback.

This newsletter provides details of how you can find out more about our proposals and take part in the consultation process.

What's changed?

Last year, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State') designated the Project as nationally significant. This recognised the major contribution the Project could make to the country's need for affordable, clean, secure and reliable energy.

The change means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State to construct and operate the Project, rather than seeking planning permission from Torridge District Council.

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process as it enables the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposals. The proposals we are presenting at this stage have been refined in the light of feedback from previous consultation. Changes include updates to the layout of the converter stations and the routing of cables onshore.

This consultation is a further opportunity to provide your feedback on our updated proposals. The feedback we receive, along with our ongoing environmental and technical assessments, will help inform the proposals we submit as part of our DCO application.

Our proposals

The Project aims to provide affordable, clean energy to power the equivalent of 7 million homes and be capable of supplying 8% of Great Britain's electricity needs within a decade. The following outlines our proposals:

1 Offshore cables

Electricity will move between Morocco and the UK along four cables buried in the seabed. This will use proven high voltage direct current (HVDC) technology, which is already used to transport electricity between the UK and other parts of Europe. The approximate length of the cable corridor in UK waters is 370km.

2 Landfall

The offshore cables will join a set of onshore cables at Cornborough Range, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford. This will take place underground in a safe and secure casing called a 'joint bay.'

3 Onshore cables

Four cables will run between the landfall at Cornborough Range and the converter stations. These will all be buried underground in pairs. We have carefully considered feedback from previous consultations, as well as potential environmental impacts, in proposing the route for the cables. For example, the planned cable route now avoids Abbotsham Village.

4 Converter stations

We need to convert electricity from the HVDC used to transport it efficiently from Morocco to high voltage alternating current (HVAC) before it can be used in this country's electricity system and our homes.

We propose to do this at two converter stations at the old Webbery Showground, close to the point that the Project connects into the National Grid. Each converter station will be able to convert 1,8GW of electricity from HVDC to HVAC.

We have updated our proposals for the converter stations since the last consultation to further reduce their potential impact. By rotating the eastern converter station and moving it southwards, we have reduced how visible it would be from key locations in the area.

This also reduces the number of vehicle movements needed to build the converter stations.

5 Connection point

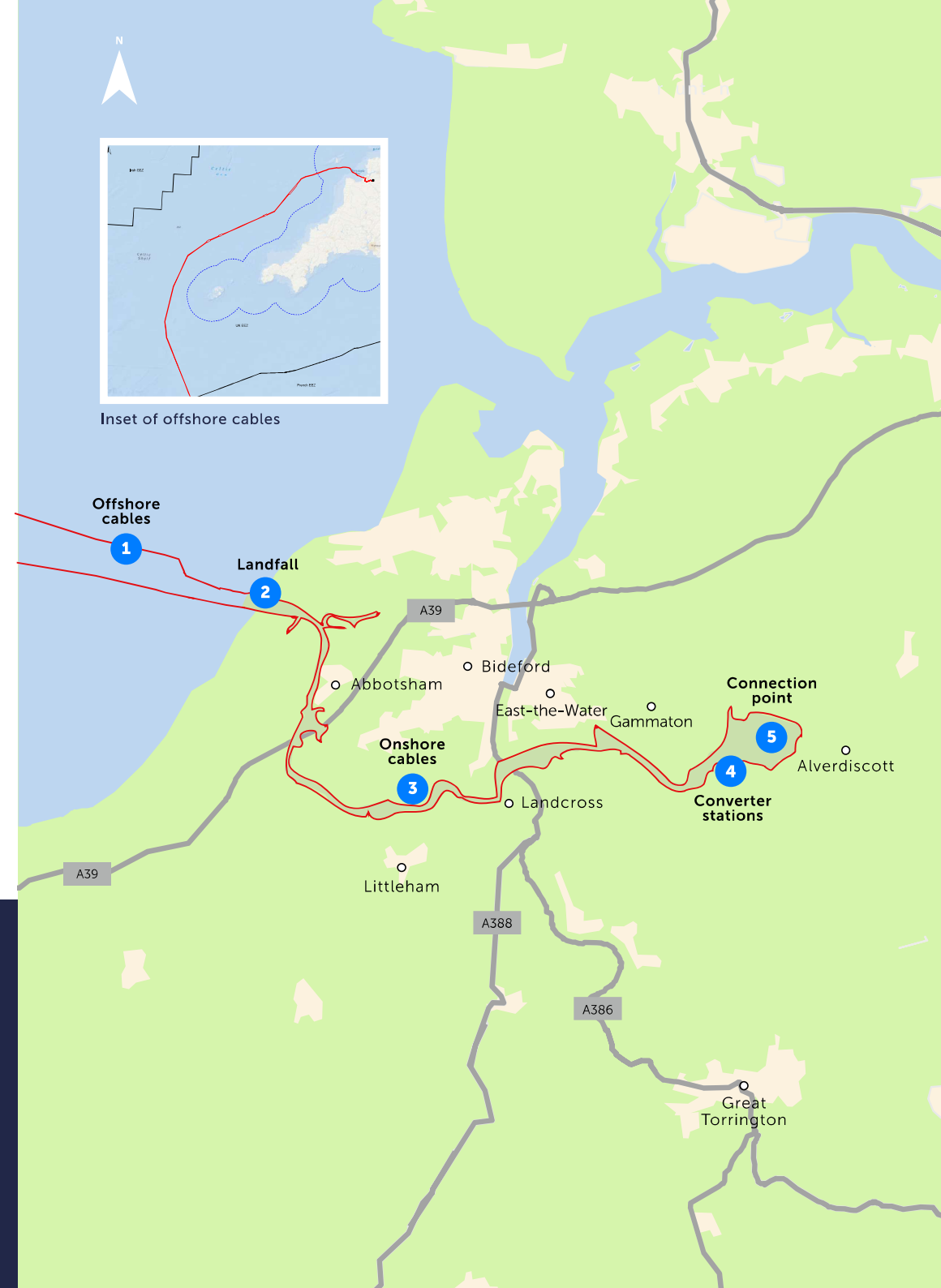
The Project would connect into the National Grid at Alverdiscott Substation. This will allow for the onward transmission of 3.6GW of electricity to where it's needed in the country. 12 HVAC cables will link the converter stations to the substation.

Protecting the environment

At the same time as refining our proposals, we have also looked at how they might impact the environment. This is called an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The EIA helps us make the most of the Project's environmental benefits – but also means we can identify, avoid or address negative impacts. We have looked at topics including landscape and views, noise, transport, air quality, and wildlife and habitats.

We are now ready to publish the initial findings of our EIA. These are included in a document called the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) that we have published as part of this consultation. You can find details of how to view the PEIR on the back page of this newsletter.

Feedback from this consultation will inform our ongoing EIA. We will submit a document called an Environmental Statement (ES) setting out the final results of our assessments as part of our DCO application.



Find out more

You can find out more about our updated proposals and take part in the consultation by:

- Getting in touch with us by phoning **0800 038 3486**, emailing hello@xlinks.co or writing to **Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation, FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**
- From the start of the consultation period, viewing consultation materials online at xlinks.co/devon
- **Coming along to one of our exhibitions or online events**
- **Getting in touch by post, email or phone to request a printed copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire or a USB containing all the consultation materials.**
We will post these to your address free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- From the start of the consultation period, **collecting a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire from the following locations** (please check opening hours), where a printed copy of the PEIR will also be available to review:

Document deposit points*

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Share your views

Your feedback at this stage will help us to refine our proposals before we submit a DCO application. All feedback received will be summarised and responded to in the Consultation Report, which will form part of our DCO application. We look forward to hearing from you on all aspects of the UK elements of the Project as part of this consultation.

Your views are important and we welcome your feedback on the Project by:

- Completing an online questionnaire at: xlinks.co/devon
- Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to: hello@xlinks.co
- Submitting your questionnaire or comments by post (no stamp required) to **Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of **11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024**.

Contact us

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1.2 Stakeholder letter/email

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9 May 2024

[Salutation]

I am writing to let you know that we will shortly be consulting on our updated proposals for the UK element of the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power project.

This consultation is a 'statutory consultation' that must be carried out in line with the formal requirements of the Planning Act 2008. As [ROLE], we wanted to give you advance notice before consultation begins on Thursday 16 May 2024.

Consultation will run for six weeks, with all responses to be submitted by the consultation deadline of 11.59pm on 27 June 2024. Feedback from this stage of consultation will be used to refine proposals before an application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

You can find out more about how we plan to consult in our Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), which is available on our website (www.xlinks.co/devon).

More information, including our updated proposals and the results of our preliminary environmental assessments, will be available on our website (www.xlinks.co/devon) from the start of the consultation.

Printed copies of these documents will be available to inspect at the following locations during the consultation period:

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[Marine stakeholders – We will also be holding an event for offshore stakeholders, which will take place at the following time and location:

- Wednesday 22 May, 12:30pm-4:30pm - Caddsdwn Business Centre, Caddsdwn Industrial Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3BE]

In addition to the events we are hosting, we would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the proposals and our consultation plans in more detail. If you would like to meet, or have any other questions, please do get in touch with us on 0800 038 3486 or hello@xlinks.co

You can also visit our website www.xlinks.co/devon for updates throughout this process.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Hardy
Project Director

1.3 Poster

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Statutory public consultation

16 May 2024 - 27 June 2024

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1.4 Publicity in print media

1.4.1 Press release

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MEDIA RELEASE

7 May 2024

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ANNOUNCED ON UPDATED PROPOSALS FOR XLINKS' MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT

- Xlinks 1 Limited (Xlinks) will seek views on its proposals for the UK element of the Morocco-UK Power Project (the "Project") between **Thursday, 16 May 2024 and Thursday, 27 June 2024**.
- Members of the local community and the public will be able to find out more by attending a series of public exhibitions, webinars or reading consultation documents online.
- Feedback from the consultation will inform updated proposals before Xlinks submits a Development Consent Order application to the Secretary of State later this year.

Xlinks announced today a statutory consultation on the updated proposals for the UK element of the Morocco-UK Power Project. The Project is expected to generate 11.5 GW of zero-carbon electricity from the sun and wind in Morocco, complemented by energy storage, which will be connected to the National Grid at Alverdiscott, Devon, via subsea HVDC cables to provide 3.6GW of affordable, reliable and renewable power to the UK.

The consultation will run for six weeks, allowing members of the local community and public to share their feedback from **Thursday, 16 May 2024 to 23:59 on Thursday, 27 June 2024**.

During the consultation, members of the public and the local community will be able to find out more about the proposals by attending a series of public exhibitions in the local area, visit www.xlinks.co/devon, or reading the consultation booklet about the proposals.

This consultation is expected to be the final round before Xlinks submits an application for a Development Consent Order for the parts of the project located in the UK to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero later this year. Feedback from this stage of consultation will be used to inform the proposals before the application is submitted.

James Humfrey, CEO, Morocco-UK Power Project, said: "We have made substantial progress in developing our proposals, which would provide enough clean, reliable electricity to supply 8% of the country's needs within a decade. Our consultation process includes speaking with the community in Devon to ensure that our proposals have been shaped by local views and expertise.

"Before we submit our application for development consent to the Secretary of State - we are asking for feedback on our updated proposals. We encourage members of the local community and public to get in touch, meet with us and share their views during the consultation period."

A series of public exhibitions will take place as part of the consultation process:

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The exhibitions will offer members of the public and the local community an opportunity to view information about the updated proposals, meet with the team behind the Morocco-UK Power Project and ask any questions they may have. There will also be webinars for those who are unable to attend in person.

Further information on the different ways to take part in the consultation is available from <https://xlinks.co/devon/> or by contacting the team behind the project on 0800 038 3486 or at hello@xlinks.co.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Xlinks' Morocco - UK Power Project

The Morocco - UK Power Project will harness the power of nature to generate a near-constant, affordable energy supply and connect it to customers in real-time.

The Morocco - UK Power Project is expected to generate 11.5GW of zero-carbon electricity from the sun and wind with energy storage to deliver the equivalent of 3.6GW of firm, flexible and reliable energy for over 19 hours a day on average. The new electricity generation and battery storage facilities, located in renewable energy-rich Morocco, will be connected exclusively to Great Britain via approximately 4,000km HVDC sub-sea cables. The Project aims to deliver affordable, reliable renewable energy to power the equivalent of approximately seven million British homes, nearly 8% of Great Britain's domestic electricity needs, within a decade.

Alongside the output from solar panels and wind turbines, an onsite 22.5GWh/5GW battery facility provides sufficient storage to reliably deliver a dedicated, near-constant source of flexible and predictable clean energy for the National Grid, designed to complement the renewable energy already generated across the UK.

For more information, visit www.xlinks.co/devon.

About DCOs

Nationally significant infrastructure requires development consent to be granted by the relevant Secretary of State through a Development Consent Order (DCO). This is a process established by the Planning Act 2008.

Unlike local planning permissions, which are considered by local planning authorities, DCO applications are made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). PINS administers the application process on behalf of the Secretary of State. In this case, the relevant government department is the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

This process includes an independent examination of the application, which results in a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether to grant a DCO or not. Before submitting a DCO application, project promoters, such as Xlinks, are required by the Planning Act 2008 to consult with local authorities, statutory bodies, land interests and the community.

Further information is available at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

1.4.2 Advert in North Devon Gazette

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Evie rises to challenge of peaks

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A LYNTON woman is gearing up to conquer the Three Peaks Challenge in memory of her friend and to support North Devon Hospice.

Evie Wyatt will climb the three peaks on July 12 and 13. They are Ben Nevis in Scotland, which she will aim to scale at 5am, followed by Scafell Pike in the Lake District in England, and culminating in Snowdonia, Wales, which she will aim to achieve at 4.30am.

With just under £4,000 raised already, Evie is determined to make a difference by undertaking this daunting task.

She will be completing the challenge within a team of seven who are also raising money for North Devon Hospice.

For the challenge, the hospice required an entry fee of £280, with a minimum of £500 sponsorship.

This fee includes one night's accommodation in Fort William, mountain leaders, an official medal, training where walkers must attend two training days in the lead up to the challenge and the cost of the minibus and its fuel in order to drive the group between the peaks.

"The main reason that has pushed me to do this challenge is in memory of the best boss lady anyone could have wished to have! Mrs B aka Betty Boundy," Evie shared.

The Three Peaks Challenge involves scaling the three highest peaks in Scotland, England, and Wales - Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon - all within 24 hours.

Motivated by the memory of her friend and mentor, Mrs B, also known as Betty Boundy, Evie has recounted the profound impact Mrs B had on her life. The pair met at Garson House in Lynton where they both worked.

She said: "I rocked up to her care home, a single mother of two children new to the village struggling to find my way 17 years ago! She soon became my mentor and teacher of life skills, a friend to my family! My agony aunt - I became her prodigy!"

"Mrs B fought hard from the day she was unwell to the day she became a star in the sky on Sunday, September 17, 2023. During this time, she enjoyed life in remission, but it was made short, a good life taken too soon."

Betty found solace in the care provided by the North Devon Hospice during her final days, inspiring Evie to take on this challenge.

Evie's connection to the North Devon Hospice runs deep.

The hospice not only supported Betty through her cancer but also provided invaluable care to her and offered her wellbeing days.

They also gave Betty's family invaluable support.

With Evie's 40th birthday coin-



Evie Wyatt will take on the Three Peaks Challenge later this year



distance is 462 miles.

A popular misconception is that the three mountains that form the challenge are the three tallest on the British mainland.

Rather, they are the tallest mountains within each represen-

tative country: Scafell Pike is the tallest in England; Snowdon, the tallest in Wales and Ben Nevis the tallest in Scotland — over one hundred peaks in Scotland are higher than Scafell Pike, and 56 higher than Snowdon.

The Three Peaks Challenge is pretty hard, although the experience tends to vary greatly between different people.

Experts say that sleep deprivation plays a major part, affecting some people more than others, particularly with awkward sleeping conditions. With an appropriate fitness plan beforehand, it will be much easier.

Ben Nevis attracts an estimated 100,000 ascents a year, around three-quarters of which are made using the pony track from Glen Nevis on the south side of the mountain. The summit, at 1,345m (4,433ft) above sea level, features the ruins of an observatory, which was continuously staffed between 1883 and 1904.

The summit plateau of Scafell Pike, and that of other neighbouring peaks, is covered with shattered rock debris which provides the highest altitude example of a summit boulder field in England.

The rocks that form Snowdon were produced by volcanoes in the Ordovician period, and the massif has been extensively sculpted by glaciation, forming the pyramidal peak of Snowdon and the arêtes of Crib Goch and Y Lliwedd.

The mountain was used by the legendary mountaineer Edmund Hillary in training for the historic 1953 ascent of Mount Everest.

ciding with the same year as the hospice's 40th anniversary, Evie saw the challenge as a perfect opportunity to give back.

"I can't put into words just how amazed I am by the support that I've received. There is just so much gratitude," she said.

Preparing for the challenge has pushed Evie out of her comfort zone. As part of her training she has completed a solo trip to the Lake District, where she has already walked up Scafell Pike.

"I like walking. But yeah, this is taking me out of my comfort zone, doing things on my own," Evie said, reflecting on her solo camping trips and rigorous mountain hikes.

"The overwhelming support from my community and the memory of Mrs B keeps me motivated," Evie added.

She also hosted a bingo evening on Friday, May 3 at The Old Station Inn in Kentisbury, where some amazing prizes were up for grabs.

Reflecting on the journey ahead, Evie has acknowledged the prospect of climbing Snowdon in the dark but finds solace in the expertise of her guide and the camaraderie of her fellow challengers - all united in support of the North Devon Hospice.

You can support Evie online: <https://www.gofundme.com>

The total walking distance is 23 miles (37km) and the total ascent is 3,064 metres (10,052ft) - twice the ascent of the Yorkshire Three Peaks, over a similar total walking distance. The total driving

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1.4.3 Advert in Fishing News

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THE XLINKS MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT | SECTION 48 - PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) | REGULATION 4, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009 NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that Xlinks 1 Ltd of Kingfisher House, Woodbrook Crescent, Billericay, Essex, United Kingdom, CM12 0EQ ("the Applicant") intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "Secretary of State") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the "Act") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") (the "Application"). The Applicant intends to make the Application by the end of 2024. The Application is to authorise the construction and operation (which includes maintenance) of those elements of the Morocco-UK Power Project (the "Project") which are located in the UK (the "Proposed Development").

The Proposed Development could deliver 3.6 Gigawatts ("GW") of low carbon electricity to the UK's electricity grid and could improve the security and diversity of the UK's electricity supply. The Secretary of State recognised last year that elements of the Proposed Development are nationally significant and therefore directed under Section 35 of the Act that the Proposed Development should be treated as development for which development consent is required.

All onshore elements of the Proposed Development are located within the administrative area of Torridge District Council in the County of Devon. The offshore elements of the Proposed Development extend from Comborough Range, also in Torridge, to the seaward limit of the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone ("EEZ").

The Proposed Development is split into three distinctive elements, as follows:

Onshore elements

- Two independent 1.8GW converter stations plus external equipment, landscaping and other ancillary buildings (the "Converter Site") to convert electricity from Direct Current ("DC") into Alternating Current ("AC") before transmission to the National Grid, located west of the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400 kilovolt ("kV") substation.
- 12 High Voltage Alternating Current ("HVAC") cables connecting the Converter Site into the National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation, each approximately 1.2 kilometres ("km") in length.
- A new 400kV substation to replace the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation, to the immediate east of the existing substation.
- 4 High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") cables to link the onshore converter stations to a landfill site at Cornborough Range, buried in bundled pairs with 6 fibreoptic cables in a corridor approximately 14.5km long and approximately 65 metres ("m") wide.

Landfill site

- A landfill point at Cornborough Range on the Devon coast, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford, hosting two Transition Joint Bays to transition from offshore HVDC cables to onshore HVDC cables.

Offshore elements

- HVDC cables which would bring electricity from its generation to the landfill point, which are located within the UK EEZ in a corridor approximately 370km in length and between 500m and 1.5km wide. These would be in bundled pairs with 6 fibreoptic cables.

The Proposed Development will include other required works, such as temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites, ancillary works, temporary and permanent utility connections, permanent utility diversions, biodiversity net gain offsetting, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development.

The Application will seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in and rights over land, the overriding of easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development, and such ancillary,

incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the proposed Application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Proposed Development.

Information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Development will be set out in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") that will form part of the consultation documents.

Consultation on the proposals will take place from **Thursday 16 May 2024 until 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024**. The Applicant is making available a number of ways to find out more about the Proposed Development including:

- Holding public exhibitions at the locations and times below
- Reading the consultation materials detailed in this notice
- Visiting the consultation website, www.xlinks.co/devon
- Contacting the Applicant directly with questions using the details in this notice

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Wednesday 22 May, 12:30pm-4:30pm	Offshore stakeholder event - Caddisdown Business Centre, Caddisdown Industrial Park, Clowley Rd, Bideford EX39 3BE
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Friday 31 May, 1pm-5pm	Pollyfield Community Centre, Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL
Saturday 1 June, 11am-3pm	Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, EX38 7NH
Wednesday 5 June, 6pm-7:30pm	Webinar – please visit www.xlinks.co/devon to register

All documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, including the PEIR, will be available to download free of charge from Thursday 16 May 2024 until 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024 on www.xlinks.co/devon

The Applicant intends to make copies of the consultation materials showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development available for inspection free of charge from Thursday 16 May 2024 at locations in the vicinity of the Proposed Development, listed below, for the duration of the consultation period (until 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024). Please visit www.xlinks.co/devon to check the most up to date information on all locations and the arrangements in place for inspecting the documents. Alternatively, you can contact us on the details below.

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Northam Library, Fore St, Northam, Bideford EX39 1AW	Monday/Saturday: 10am - 1pm* Wednesday/Friday: 10am - 5pm Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday: CLOSED
Pollyfield Community Centre, Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL	9:30am - 11pm Monday to Sunday

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Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant using the e-mail address, postal address or Freephone number provided below:

- **By post:** Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL
- **Online:** www.xlinks.co/devon
- **By email:** hello@xlinks.co
- **By phone:** 01271 268830

Any enquiries relating to the consultation materials, documents, plans and maps can be made to the Applicant using the telephone number listed above.

Copies of consultation documents on USBs, as well as hard copies of the consultation booklet and consultation questionnaire, will be made available free of charge on request. Given the size of the document, requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient, up to a maximum of £750 for the whole suite. To request these materials in hard copy or an alternative format, please get in touch with us using the contact information in this notice.

How to respond to consultation

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between **Thursday 16 May 2024 and 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024**. A consultation questionnaire is available as part of the consultation, and the consultation website will also allow the submission of electronic consultation responses. When providing your response, please include your name and address or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Proposed Development. Please supply any response to:

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Responses must be received no later than 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing its Application for a DCO once consultation has closed. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, PINs and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the process. The Applicant will request that any personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant and its agents in accordance with the data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent application for the DCO and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.



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1.5.1 Facebook posts

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Survey update:

We're currently carrying out ground investigations to inform our detailed plans for onshore cables in Devon. Part of the survey includes drilling two boreholes in the River Torridge just downstream from the Iron Bridge.

We expect to do this between Monday, 9 September 2024 and Monday, 23 September 2024 using a floating pontoon with the borehole equipment on board.... **See more**



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We invite you to have your say and respond to our statutory consultation by Thursday, 11 July.

There has been a great turnout at our consultation events over the last few weeks. We're grateful to everyone who came along and shared their views.

If you haven't already, there's still time to share your feedback on our plans – we have extended the deadline for responses to Thursday 11 July, so there's still plenty of time to have your say.

To view our consultation materials and respond to the consultation, please visit





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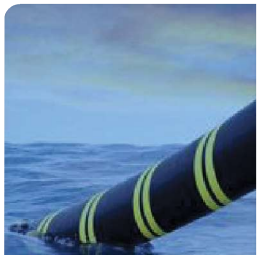
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We will shortly be launching a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK elements of the Morocco-UK Power Project.

We are keen for as many people as possible to get in touch and share their feedback during the consultation, which is running between Thursday, 16 May 2024 to 11.59pm on Thursday, 27 June 2024.

For more information on how you can get involved, including the times and dates of our public consultations and webinars, please visit www.xlinks.co/devon





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As a part of our pre-development process, starting from the 5th of June 2023, Xlinks will be undertaking archaeological investigations along the proposed development corridor. We will be working in conjunction with the archaeological team from Devon County Council and with local landowners.

This is not part of the construction works, and once the archaeological investigations are complete, the land will be restored.

The investigation works are anticipated to take a number... [See more](#)



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We've added another date and venue to our schedule of public drop-in exhibitions. Our team will be at the Pollyfield Community Centre, Avon Road, Bideford from 2pm to 7pm on Tuesday 16th May.



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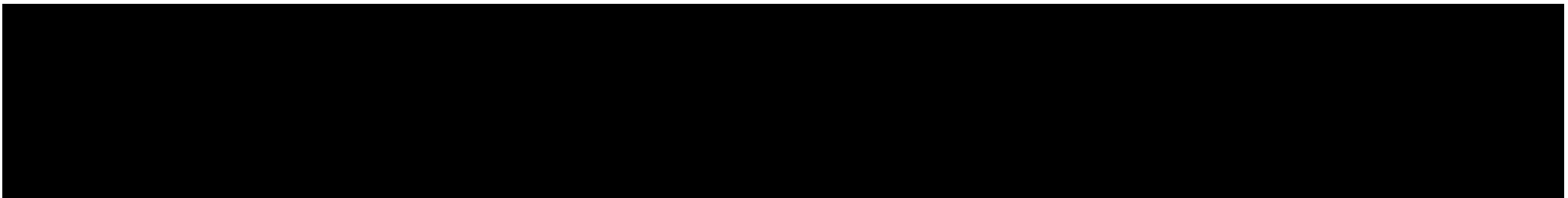
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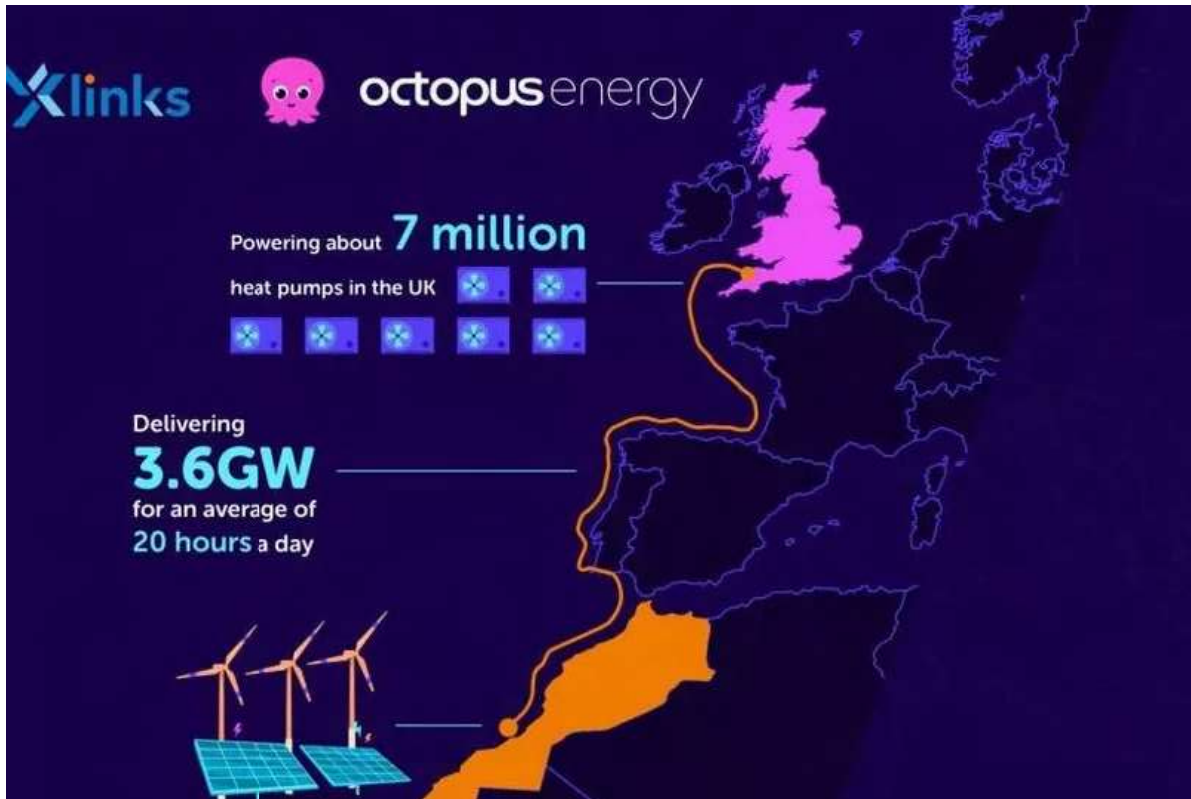
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Xlinks scheme to bring power from Africa to the UK (Credit : Xlinks)

A groundbreaking initiative which aims to harness Moroccan sun and wind to power homes in the UK is opening a public consultation in [North Devon](#). Xlinks announced a statutory consultation on the updated proposals for the UK element of the Morocco-UK Power Project. The Project is expected to generate 11.5 GW of zero-carbon electricity from the sun and wind in Morocco, complemented by energy storage, which will be connected to the National Grid at Alverdiscott, Devon, via subsea HVDC cables to provide 3.6GW of affordable, reliable and renewable power to the UK.

The consultation will run for six weeks, allowing members of the local community and public to share their feedback from Thursday, May 16 to 23:59 on Thursday, June 27.

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During the consultation, members of the public and the local community will be able to find out more about the proposals by attending a series of public exhibitions in the local area, visit www.xlinks.co/devon or reading the consultation material about the proposals.

This latest statutory consultation is an important step in what has been an evolving process over several years working with the local community and stakeholders. It is expected to be the final round of consultation before Xlinks submits an application for a Development Consent Order for the parts of the project located in the UK to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero later this year. Feedback from this stage of consultation will be used to inform the proposals before the application is submitted.

James Humfrey, CEO, Morocco-UK Power Project, said: "We have made substantial progress in developing our proposals, which would provide enough clean, reliable electricity to supply 8% of the country's needs within a decade. Our consultation process includes speaking with the community in Devon to ensure that our proposals have been shaped by local views and expertise.

"Before we submit our application for development consent to the Secretary of State – we are asking for feedback on our updated proposals. We encourage members of the local community and public to get in touch, meet with us and share their views during the consultation period."

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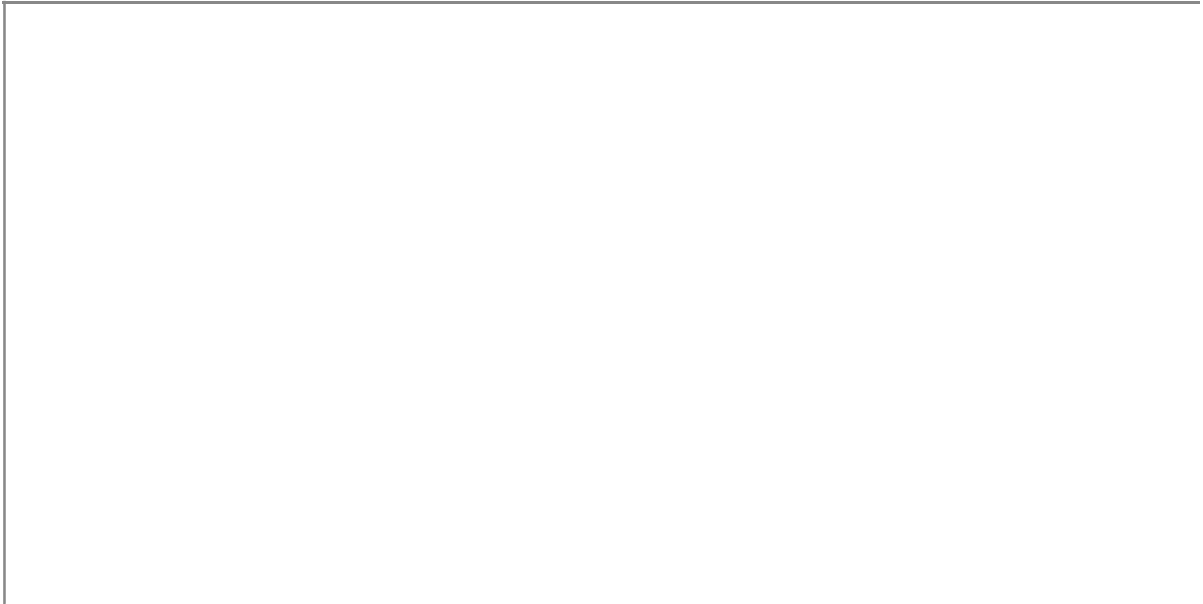
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· Saturday 1 June 2024, 11am - 3pm - Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, Torrington EX38 7HH

The exhibitions will offer members of the public and the local community an opportunity to view information about the updated proposals, meet with the team behind the Morocco-UK Power Project and ask any questions they may have. There will also be webinars for those who are unable to attend in person.



Further information on the different ways to take part in the consultation is available from <https://xlinks.co/devon/> or by contacting the team behind the project on 0800 038 3486 or a hello@xlinks.co.

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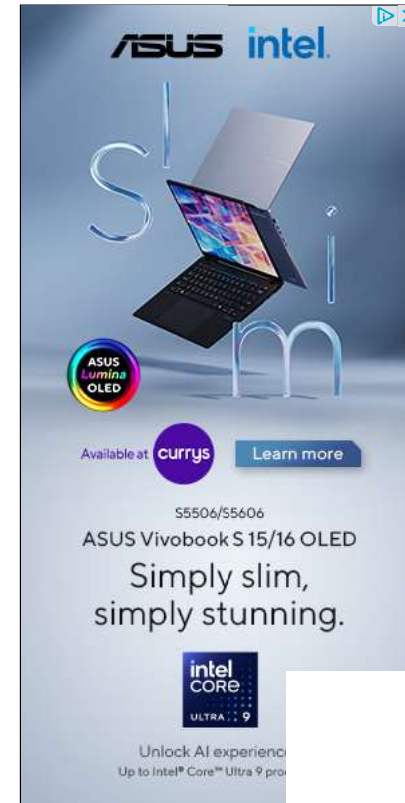
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2 CONSULTATION MATERIALS

2.1 Consultation newsletter

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Community Newsletter

May 2024

We are now holding a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK elements of the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project').

Our consultation will be held from:
Thursday, 16 May 2024 - Thursday, 27 June 2024

During the consultation period, you'll be able to view our proposals by attending events and/or webinars or viewing the documents online.

The aim of the consultation is to inform you about the latest updates to our proposals and hear your thoughts and feedback.

This newsletter provides details of how you can find out more about our proposals and take part in the consultation process.

What's changed?

Last year, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State') designated the Project as nationally significant. This recognised the major contribution the Project could make to the country's need for affordable, clean, secure and reliable energy.

The change means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State to construct and operate the Project, rather than seeking planning permission from Torridge District Council.

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process as it enables the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposals. The proposals we are presenting at this stage have been refined in the light of feedback from previous consultation. Changes include updates to the layout of the converter stations and the routing of cables onshore.

This consultation is a further opportunity to provide your feedback on our updated proposals. The feedback we receive, along with our ongoing environmental and technical assessments, will help inform the proposals we submit as part of our DCO application.

Our proposals

The Project aims to provide affordable, clean energy to power the equivalent of 7 million homes and be capable of supplying 8% of Great Britain's electricity needs within a decade. The following outlines our proposals:

1 Offshore cables

Electricity will move between Morocco and the UK along four cables buried in the seabed. This will use proven high voltage direct current (HVDC) technology, which is already used to transport electricity between the UK and other parts of Europe. The approximate length of the cable corridor in UK waters is 370km.

2 Landfall

The offshore cables will join a set of onshore cables at Cornborough Range, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford. This will take place underground in a safe and secure casing called a 'joint bay.'

3 Onshore cables

Four cables will run between the landfall at Cornborough Range and the converter stations. These will all be buried underground in pairs. We have carefully considered feedback from previous consultations, as well as potential environmental impacts, in proposing the route for the cables. For example, the planned cable route now avoids Abbotsham Village.

4 Converter stations

We need to convert electricity from the HVDC used to transport it efficiently from Morocco to high voltage alternating current (HVAC) before it can be used in this country's electricity system and our homes.

We propose to do this at two converter stations at the old Webbery Showground, close to the point that the Project connects into the National Grid. Each converter station will be able to convert 1,8GW of electricity from HVDC to HVAC.

We have updated our proposals for the converter stations since the last consultation to further reduce their potential impact. By rotating the eastern converter station and moving it southwards, we have reduced how visible it would be from key locations in the area.

This also reduces the number of vehicle movements needed to build the converter stations.

5 Connection point

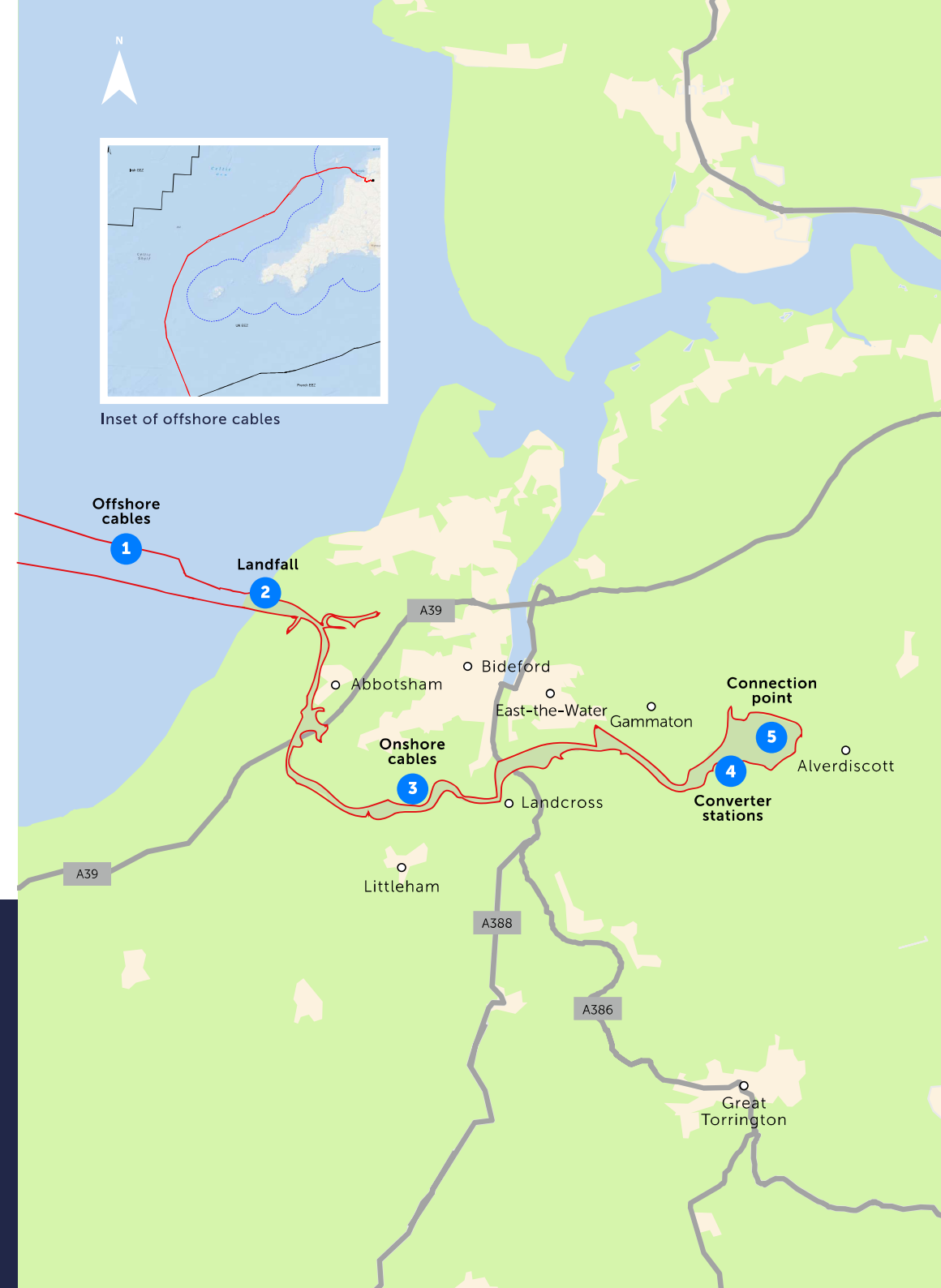
The Project would connect into the National Grid at Alverdiscott Substation. This will allow for the onward transmission of 3.6GW of electricity to where it's needed in the country. 12 HVAC cables will link the converter stations to the substation.

Protecting the environment

At the same time as refining our proposals, we have also looked at how they might impact the environment. This is called an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). The EIA helps us make the most of the Project's environmental benefits – but also means we can identify, avoid or address negative impacts. We have looked at topics including landscape and views, noise, transport, air quality, and wildlife and habitats.

We are now ready to publish the initial findings of our EIA. These are included in a document called the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) that we have published as part of this consultation. You can find details of how to view the PEIR on the back page of this newsletter.

Feedback from this consultation will inform our ongoing EIA. We will submit a document called an Environmental Statement (ES) setting out the final results of our assessments as part of our DCO application.



Find out more

You can find out more about our updated proposals and take part in the consultation by:

- Getting in touch with us by phoning **0800 038 3486**, emailing hello@xlinks.co or writing to **Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation, FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**
- From the start of the consultation period, viewing consultation materials online at xlinks.co/devon
- **Coming along to one of our exhibitions or online events**
- **Getting in touch by post, email or phone to request a printed copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire or a USB containing all the consultation materials.**
We will post these to your address free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- From the start of the consultation period, **collecting a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire from the following locations** (please check opening hours), where a printed copy of the PEIR will also be available to review:

Document deposit points*

Northam Library

Fore St, Northam, Bideford EX39 1AW

Monday/Saturday: **10am - 1pm**

Wednesday/Friday: **10am - 5pm**

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Pollyfield Community Centre

Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL

Monday to Sunday: **9:30am - 11pm**

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In person or online exhibition events

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Sign-up for a Webinar

Wednesday 29 May 2024, 6pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 5 June 2024, 6pm - 7:30pm

Please visit www.xlinks.co/devon to register

Share your views

Your feedback at this stage will help us to refine our proposals before we submit a DCO application. All feedback received will be summarised and responded to in the Consultation Report, which will form part of our DCO application. We look forward to hearing from you on all aspects of the UK elements of the Project as part of this consultation.

Your views are important and we welcome your feedback on the Project by:

- Completing an online questionnaire at: xlinks.co/devon
- Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to: hello@xlinks.co
- Submitting your questionnaire or comments by post (no stamp required) to **Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of **11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024**.

Contact us

Phone: **0800 038 3486**

Email: hello@xlinks.co

Website: www.xlinks.co/devon

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2.2 Consultation booklet

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Statutory Public Consultation Booklet

16 May 2024 to 27 June 2024



Morocco-UK Power Project

STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION BOOKLET

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Introduction

Over the next few decades, the UK will undergo a revolution in the way it powers homes, businesses and transport.

To combat climate change, we need to replace the fossil fuels that once provided us with power with new sources of clean energy. We also need to increase the amount of electricity available to us, as we replace petrol cars with electric ones and gas boilers with other ways of heating our homes, schools and hospitals.

Importantly, this needs to happen fast. To meet its commitments to combat climate change, the UK needs to stop using carbon fuels in generating electricity by 2035. **The Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project') exists to help close this gap.**

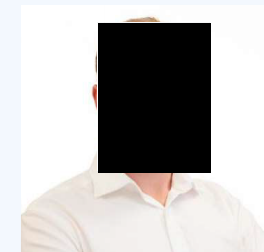
By connecting the UK to reliable wind and solar resources available in Morocco, it will provide enough firm, clean power to meet around 8% of the country's needs. This is why the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero ('the Secretary of State') recognised the parts of the Project located in the UK as nationally significant last year.

We have already made substantial progress in developing our proposals. That includes speaking to many people in Devon across two stages of consultation to ensure that our proposals have been shaped by local views and expertise. We have refined our proposals considerably in response to local feedback and our ongoing environmental studies.

We're grateful to everyone who has already taken the time to speak with us and shape our proposals. We are asking for your views on our updated proposals as part of a final round of consultation. The feedback we receive at this stage will help shape the evolution of our proposals so that they are ready for submission to the Secretary of State as part of an application for development consent.

Our consultation will be held from **Thursday 16 May 2024 to 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024.**

This booklet provides you with information about how we have updated our proposals, how we have identified and addressed potential environmental impacts, and how to take part in the consultation. The feedback we receive at this stage of consultation, along with outputs from technical assessments and environmental surveys, will inform our proposals for the Proposed Development. We encourage you to attend our consultation events and to share your views as part of this consultation.



Richard Hardy
Project Director

Introducing the Morocco-UK Power Project



11.5GW
Solar and wind generation



22.5GWh
Battery storage



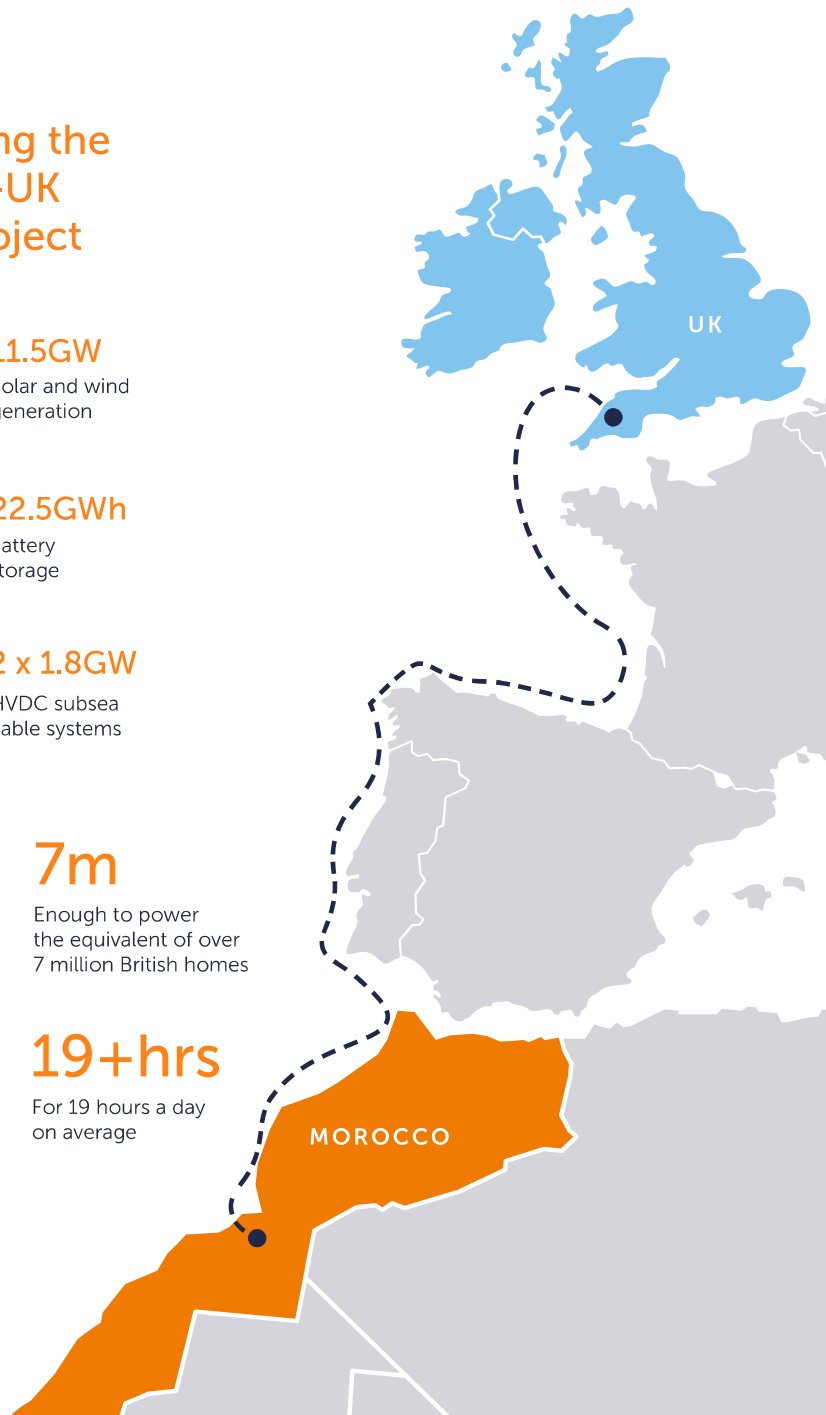
2 x 1.8GW
HVDC subsea cable systems

8%
Capable of meeting 8% of GB's annual electricity demand

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Enough to power the equivalent of over 7 million British homes

3.6GW
Supply of reliable renewable power

19+hrs
For 19 hours a day on average



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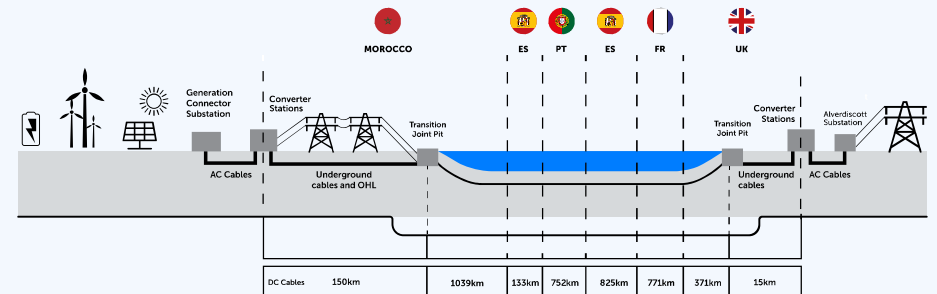
OUR MISSION

Xlinks 1 Limited ('Xlinks') exists to capture the power of nature to generate a near constant, affordable, clean energy supply and connect it to the point of consumption in real time.

The Project proposes a new electricity generation facility entirely powered by solar and wind energy combined with a battery storage facility. Located in Morocco's renewable energy rich region of Guelmim-Oued Noun, it intends to be connected exclusively to Great Britain via approximately 4000km (2485 miles) of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) sub-sea cables.

This Project would deliver 3.6 gigawatts (GW) of reliable wind and solar energy to Great Britain for 19+ hours a day on average. This is enough to provide affordable, clean power to the equivalent of over 7 million British homes and once complete, the Project would be capable of supplying 8% of Great Britain's electricity needs.

This would complement the energy we already generate from the sun and wind in the UK. When domestic renewable energy generation in the United Kingdom drops due to low winds and short periods of sun, the Project can provide access to the benefits of long hours of sun and consistent winds in Morocco to provide a firm but flexible source of zero-carbon electricity. The inclusion of a 22.5GWh/5GW battery facility in Morocco means this energy would be reliably available when it's needed in Great Britain.



Overview of the Morocco-UK Power Project

The Morocco-UK Power Project

We are seeking your views on all aspects of the UK elements of the Project ('the Proposed Development') as part of this statutory public consultation, which encompasses the following:

1 Offshore cables

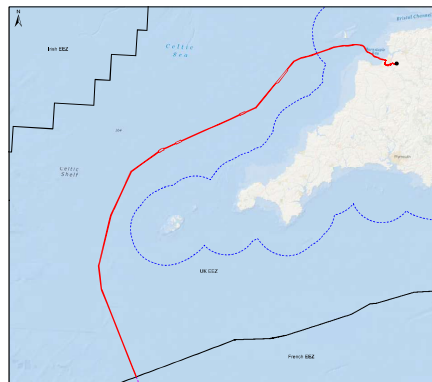
Electricity would move between Morocco and the UK along four cables buried under the seabed. This would use proven HVDC technology which is already used to transport electricity between the UK and other parts of Europe. The approximate length of the cable corridor in UK waters is 370km.

2 Landfall

The cables are proposed to come ashore at Cornborough Range, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford. The offshore cables would join a set of onshore cables here. This would take place underground in a safe and secure casing called a 'joint bay'.

3 Onshore cables

Four cables are proposed to run between the landfall at Cornborough Range and the converter stations. These would all be buried underground in pairs. We have carefully considered feedback from previous consultations, as well as potential environmental impacts, in proposing the route for the cables. For example, the planned cable route now avoids Abbotsham Village.



Offshore cable route

4 Converter stations

We need to convert electricity from the HVDC used to transport it efficiently from Morocco to High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) before it can be used in this country's electricity system and our homes.

We propose to do this at two converter stations at the old Webbery Showground, close to the point that the Proposed Development would connect into the National Grid. Each converter station would be able to convert 1.8GW of electricity from HVDC to HVAC.

5 Connection point

The Project would connect into the National Grid via a new substation adjacent to the existing Alverdiscott Substation. This would allow for the onward transmission of 3.6GW of electricity to where it's needed in the country. 12 HVAC cables would link the converter stations to the substation.



How have we developed our plans?

We made three commitments to the community when we first consulted on the Proposed Development in 2022:



We would **engage with local stakeholders** to ensure that we have the **fullest understanding of how to minimise disruption** during construction.



We would **explore all opportunities** to contribute to **social and economic development** in Devon.



We would be a **good neighbour to communities** in Devon and the natural environment.

These have informed our design principles – we challenge ourselves to find the best solution, balancing the needs and inputs for all aspects of engineering, environment and community. In designing the Proposed Development, we have asked:

- Is the engineering feasible and what are its impacts?
- Can we contribute to our community and our neighbours?
- Can we protect local ecology and the environment?
- Can we mitigate our impacts with an alternative engineering solution?
- What do our stakeholders think – have we listened?

THE PROJECT DESIGN ENVELOPE:

We can't always confirm the specific details of parts of the Proposed Development, such as the equipment we would use within the converter stations, right now. Where this is the case, we seek a consent based on a 'maximum design scenario' when looking at potential environmental impacts – e.g. if we don't yet know how tall a part of the converter buildings would be, we have assessed their largest possible height. You would see this referred to as a 'Project Design Envelope' or 'Rochdale Envelope' approach in technical documents.

How have we got to the current plans?

We have developed our proposals over time, taking into account technical requirements, our ongoing environmental surveys and studies, and feedback from stakeholders and the community.

Identifying a grid connection

We worked with National Grid to identify a suitable location for the Project to connect into Great Britain's electricity transmission system. The route that we need to take cables around Spain and Portugal means this search focused on the South West of England and Wales. Locations considered as part of this process included Alverdiscott, Pembroke in South Wales, Seabank near Bristol, Indian Queens near Newquay and Exeter.

Our work alongside National Grid identified Alverdiscott National Grid Substation as the preferred option for connecting the Project into the grid. This is because it had sufficient space close to the point of connection for the converter stations and a lower risk of interactions with nearby infrastructure.

Identifying landfall options

This included assessing multiple potential landing sites, considering factors such as distance from the point of connection at Alverdiscott, the suitability of the land for installing cables, the need to avoid steep cliffs, environmental constraints, and accessibility. We selected the proposed landfall at Cornborough Range because it was considered preferable in a number of areas to install the cables there than at other potential locations.

Converter station location

We conducted a search for suitable sites for the converter stations. The factors we considered to identify our initial proposed site included:

- distance from Alverdiscott National Grid Substation
- the availability of enough space to build the converter stations
- accessibility from existing roads
- avoiding impacts on environmental and heritage features, homes, areas at higher risk of flooding, and Public Rights of Way.

Through this process, we identified the site that we initially presented in our first round of consultation.

Onshore cable route corridor

At the same time as identifying proposed locations for the converter stations and landfall, we looked at options for the cables connecting them. We considered a range of factors in identifying our initial cable route. These included :

- the locations of settlements;
- existing infrastructure;
- statutorily designated ecological sites; and
- heritage features, and areas at high risk of flooding.

Initial public consultation (November 2022)

We published our early proposals at this time to seek feedback on the proposed location of the converter stations and our options for cable routes.

The proposals we published at that stage included locating the converter stations south of their current proposed location, south of Gammaton Cross.

Second public consultation (April-May 2023)

We carefully considered feedback from our first round of consultation and updated our proposals. This included:

- moving the converter station site to the old Webbery Showground to reduce visual and construction impacts on homes
- changing the route of our cable corridor to avoid impacts on new homes and the primary school in Abbotsham
- presenting more detailed information about construction.

We sought feedback on these updated proposals at a second round of public consultation.

Statutory consultation

Since the last consultation, the Secretary of State recognised the Proposed Development as nationally significant. We have also continued our environmental and technical assessment to refine our proposals. Changes made since the last consultation include proposing to rotate the eastern converter station south and west to reduce its potential environmental impacts.

The planning process

Last year, the Secretary of State recognised the Proposed Development as nationally significant and requiring development consent under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008. This recognised the major contribution it could make to the country's need for clean, secure and reliable energy.

The change means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State to construct and operate the Proposed Development rather than seeking planning permission from Torridge District Council.

The DCO application process is managed by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. You can find out more information about the DCO process by visiting the Planning Inspectorate's website: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk

The stages that a DCO application must pass through involve extensive consultation and local involvement. We have included a diagram of the application process on page 13. We are currently at the statutory consultation stage. Following this, we will have regard to all of the feedback that we receive, further refine the Proposed Development design and prepare our DCO application for submission.

Once we have submitted the application, the Planning Inspectorate will review it and decide whether it can be accepted for Examination. If the application is accepted for Examination, an independent Examining Authority will be appointed to examine the application and to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State.

Once a recommendation has been made, the Secretary of State will then decide whether the DCO can be granted.

CONSULTING LANDOWNERS:

We are seeking to bring forward the Proposed Development with the agreement of landowners. However, it is standard practice for projects of this nature to seek powers of compulsory acquisition within the DCO to ensure the project can be delivered. The Planning Inspectorate (PINS) would determine whether it is appropriate to grant those powers. We are therefore working to identify and consult with people who have an interest in land which may potentially be affected by the Proposed Development before we submit our application for a DCO.

We are looking to permanently acquire the land for the converter stations, but for the cable route we will be looking for temporary access during construction and then an easement for access to underground cables where necessary for maintenance. The boundaries shown in plans in this document show the proposed extent of land affected currently, but we will continue to refine this as we progress our design and EIA.



Assessing impacts

The Proposed Development is classed as development requiring assessment of likely significant effects on the environment under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations). This means we need to conduct a formal assessment of its likely significant effects and consult on that assessment.

Our EIA will look at the Proposed Development's potential environmental effects. These will include benefits as well as negative impacts. The purpose of the EIA process is to make sure that where we have identified potential impacts, we adopt measures in our design to avoid, address or mitigate them. EIA is broken down into many topics that we need to assess, across the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Proposed Development.

We have already done a lot of work to get to know the land required for the Proposed Development, through site visits and surveys. This has helped shape the design of the Proposed Development.

We are now ready to publish the initial findings of our EIA. These are included in a document called the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which includes a non-technical summary, that we have published as part of this consultation. You can find out how to access the PEIR in the final section of this booklet.

Feedback from this consultation will inform our ongoing EIA. We will submit a document called an Environmental Statement (ES) setting out the final results of our assessments as part of our DCO application.



The converter station site

THE PROPOSALS

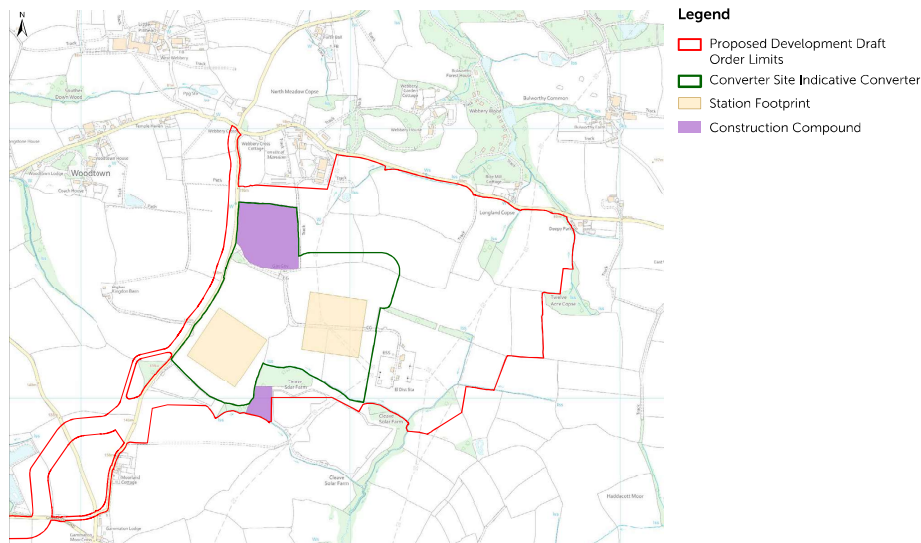
Our proposals include two converter stations, located at the old Webbery showground west of the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation. Called 'Bipole 1 (East)' and 'Bipole 2 (West)', these would convert electricity from the HVDC received from Morocco to the Alternating Current (AC) used in our homes.

The equipment which would convert the electricity – known as valves and reactors – would be housed in a weatherproof building called a converter hall. Outside of the converter hall, there would be a variety of Direct Current (DC) and AC electrical equipment, such as transformers. The equipment located outside can withstand weather. Two control buildings (one per Bipole) would be required to monitor the electrical control systems managing the flow of electricity through the conversion process from DC to AC.

DC electricity is vital for transmission over a long distance efficiently, but it can't be used in our laptops, kettles and televisions. The converter station's primary purpose would be to change the DC electricity back into AC so that the electricity can be sent onwards to the National Grid for use where it's needed in homes, schools, hospitals and businesses.

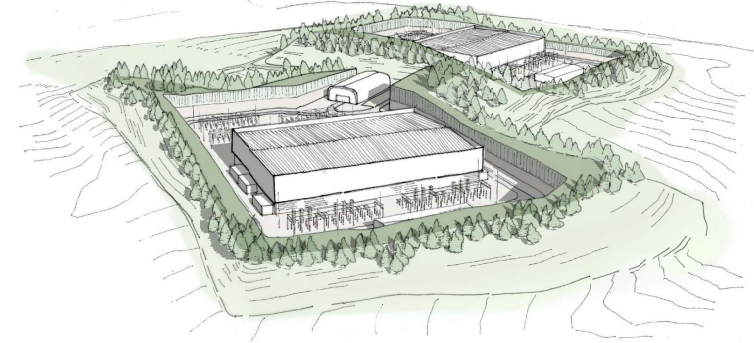
Around Bipole 1 (East) and Bipole 2 (West), the converter station site would include the supporting buildings where people would work and critical spares could be stored, along with the landscaping and infrastructure shown on the artist's impression on Page 17.

The total area of the proposed converter station site is around 32ha (79 acres). This includes around 13 ha (32 acres) for the converter station buildings.



Indicative 2D converter station plan

Artist's impression of the converter station site showing a potential appearance of the converter station for indicative purposes



REDUCING OUR IMPACT:

The current proposed site is closer to the National Grid substation, therefore the cables would be shorter, meaning less impact on the land.

We chose the old Webbery showground as the proposed site for the converter stations in direct response to consultation feedback, to reduce the number of homes potentially impacted by construction or views of the converter stations. We consulted on a conceptual layout in April 2023.

We have now updated the proposed layout of the converter stations, rotating Bipole 1 (East) south

and west. This allows more space to include further landscaping on all sides of the converter stations to further reduce how visible it would be from homes and other viewpoints.

Our design would also involve digging down to set the converter station buildings further in the ground. This would help to reduce how much they could be seen from the north and west.

CONNECTING TO THE NATIONAL GRID:

National Grid would need to carry out some upgrades to Alverdiscott National Grid Substation to accommodate the Proposed Development. This would include a new 400kV substation adjacent to the existing substation. It would carry out the upgrade, but we have included the work required in our EIA to ensure all potential environmental effects relating to the Proposed Development have been assessed.

DEVELOPING OUR DESIGN FURTHER:

Some parts of the converter station, such as the shape of the buildings and the materials that will be used on the outside, need to be developed alongside manufacturers. This can only happen at a later stage in the design process.

We will therefore submit a 'Design Code or Design Principles' with our DCO application. This is a document which sets out rules for how the design of the buildings will be developed further. We welcome feedback which will help inform this document.

Building the converter stations

Should the Proposed Development be granted development consent, we expect construction of the converter stations to take place over around 72 months – starting in 2026 and finishing in 2032. Levels of activity will vary during this period. We welcome your feedback on the construction process set out in these pages.

How and when we build the converter stations will be informed by their design, which will take into account feedback from this consultation, further environmental assessments and ongoing technical work. We will set out more information about the likely phasing, activity and timings for this period in our DCO application - and would welcome your feedback on these.

This will include an Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), which will set out the measures we will take to limit and manage impacts from construction. An Outline CEMP will be submitted as part of our DCO application and is available in draft as part of the PEIR. The Outline CEMP will set out mitigation

measures, controls and monitoring to reduce environmental effects during construction such as dust, noise and disturbance and would welcome your feedback on these too.

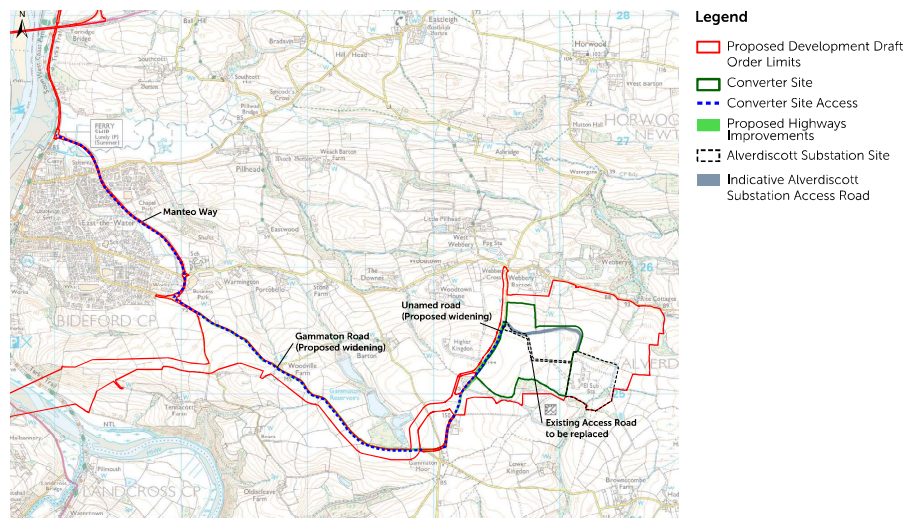
We would also prepare a Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) setting out how we will manage vehicle and people movements to and from onshore construction sites as part of our DCO application. This will include agreed routes for accessing the converter station site, hours for deliveries, and activities to reduce our impact such as wheel-washing.

Working hours would typically be between 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and typically 7am to 1pm on Saturday, with no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays. There may be times where we need to work outside these hours – for example, when we need to move a very large item like a transformer that cannot be broken up (called an 'Abnormal Indivisible Load'), we may do this at night or in the early hours of the morning. We would agree activities like this in advance with local authorities and communicate in advance with residents.

We will need to do some work before we can build the converter stations:

- **Gammaton Road construction compound:** We would establish a temporary construction compound at Gammaton Road. This would be the main construction compound for all onshore construction work and allow for staff parking, unloading materials, storage areas, welfare facilities and offices.
- **Haul road:** We would build a temporary haul road from the construction compound adjacent to Gammaton Road and the minor road leading north from Gammaton Cross towards the converter station site. This would reduce the need for construction vehicles to use Gammaton Road up to Gammaton Cross.
- **Utilities diversions:** We would need to divert existing utilities connections within the Converter building site to enable earthworks to proceed. These works would likely be completed by the relevant utilities companies prior to the earthworks commencing.
- **Road improvements:** We would need to improve the roads we would use to access the converter station site in places, including road improvement works at Gammaton Moor. We are looking at options for this, including improvements to the Manteo Way/Gammaton Road junction, selective widening of Gammaton Road, a new junction west of Gammaton Moor Crossroads and a new section of public highway, or selective widening of roads from Gammaton Cross to Webbery Barton, we would welcome your feedback on these proposals.
- **Earthworks:** To prepare the site on which the converter stations would be built, we would cut away soil from some areas of the site and build landscaping bunds in others. This is referred to as a 'cut and fill' technique. It would create a level platform for building the converter stations and help us screen views of them, once built.

To make the platform, we would aim to use as much of the soil from the areas dug out on site as possible. The amount we need to dig out and use for landscaping would be determined by our ongoing design.



Construction access arrangements

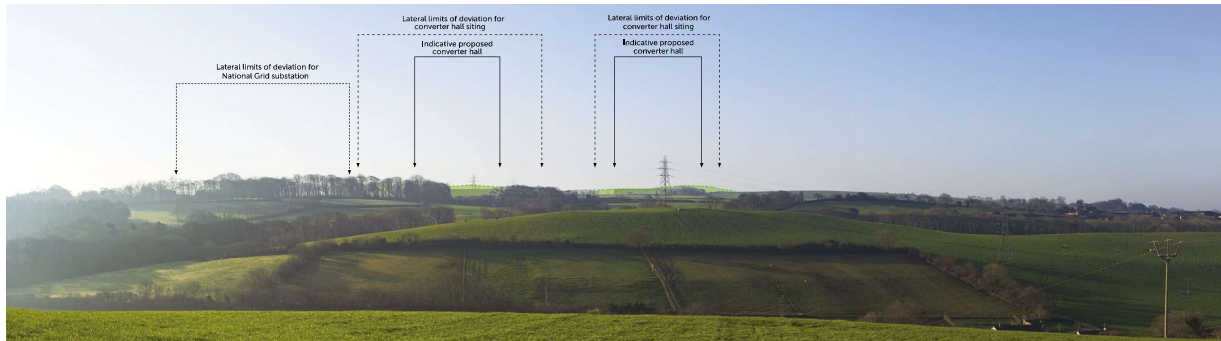
MOVING MATERIAL:

Building the converter stations would require the safe, efficient transport of materials to and from the site. We are proposing that vehicles travelling to and from the converter station site would use the A39, then follow Barnstaple Road, Manteo Way and Gammaton Road to reach the construction compound between Tennacott Lane and Gammaton Road. The majority of vehicles would then use the haul road, we would welcome feedback on this.

MOVING PEOPLE:

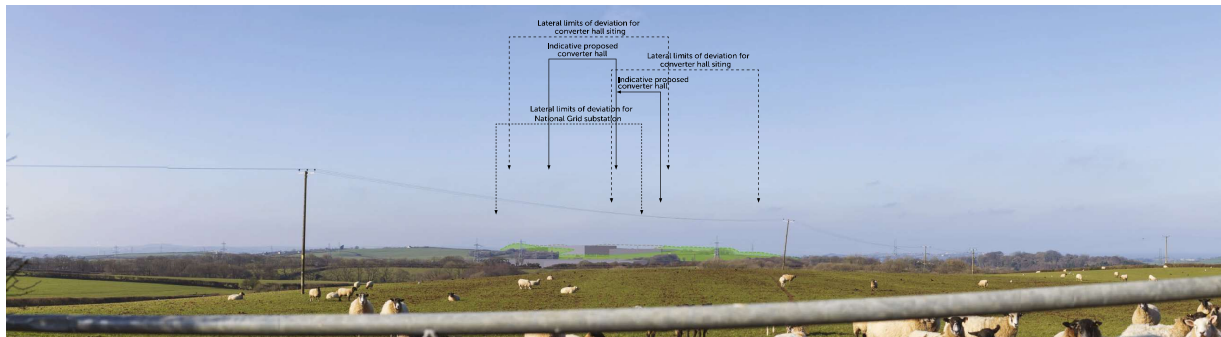
At the very peak of construction, we would expect up to 400 staff on site each day. Parking facilities would be located in Gammaton Road construction compound, with staff using a park and ride facility here to access the converter construction site and onshore cable route from the Torridge river to the converter station, we would welcome feedback on this.

Indicative images of the converter station site

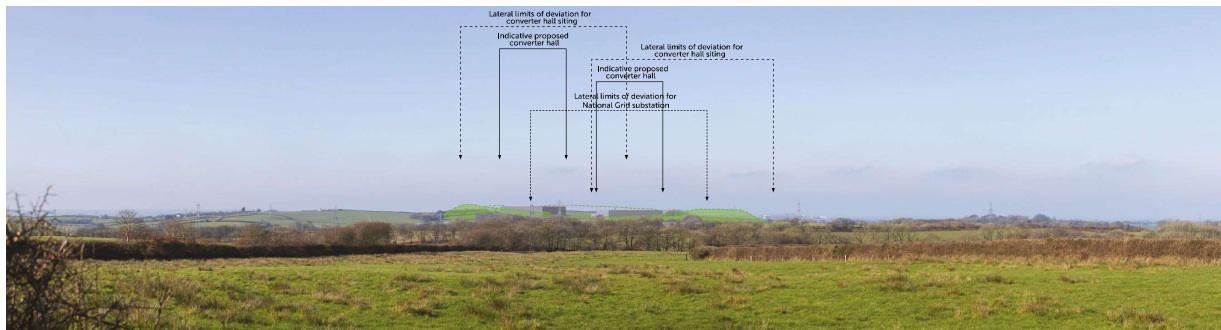


These photomontages are designed to give an indication of how visible the converter station site could be from different locations. The green line show the largest possible parameter that we have assessed in the PEIR, including bunding and other landscaping. Our design will continue to evolve with feedback from this consultation and our EIA.

Photomontage showing indicative view south from public right of way Newton Tracey Footpath 4 to the south of Horwood.



Photomontage showing indicative view west from junction of minor road with B3232 at Alverdiscott.



Photomontage showing indicative view west-northwest from minor road to the south of Alverdiscott.

Larger copies of all these images are available online and at consultation events.

Assessment

We have identified a number of potential effects from the converter stations through the EIA process, as well as some initial proposals for how we would avoid, address or mitigate them.

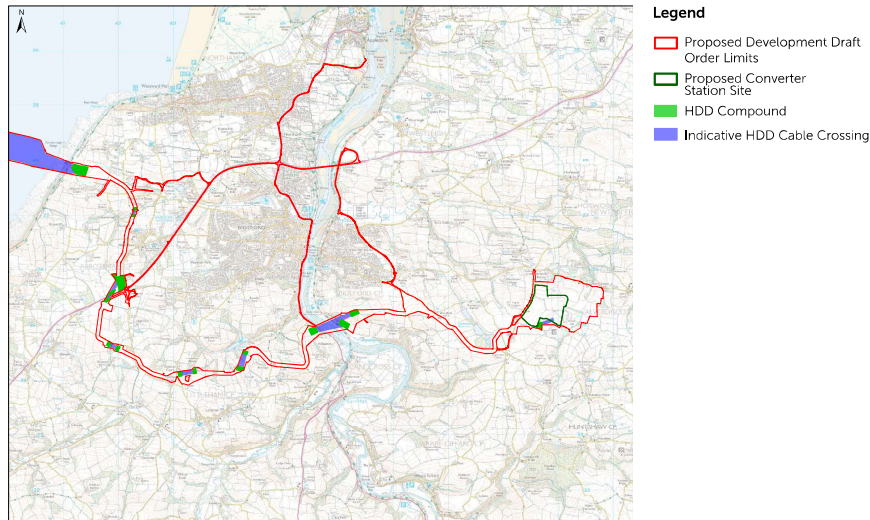
	EFFECT	MITIGATION		EFFECT	MITIGATION
 Ecology	There would be some permanent habitat loss of improved grassland and semi-improved grassland at the converter site.	We are proposing to provide onsite and offsite habitat creation, improvements, enhancements and compensation. These would contribute a minimum net gain in biodiversity of 10%.	 Ground conditions	There is a suspected cattle burial pit within the converter site. We need to understand the potential impacts of contamination from this pit as a result of digging.	We would put in place a pollution prevention plan, based on the Environment Agency's pollution prevention guidance. This would include measures to identify and avoid any potential contamination. Construction workers would also wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
 Traffic and transport	Construction would result in maximum of 545 additional vehicle movements per day, including 105 Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs). The majority of these would be travelling to and from the converter station site.	The Outline CTMP will include measures for managing vehicle movements, including agreed routes for accessing the converter station site, hours for deliveries, and activities to reduce our impact such as wheel-washing.	 Air quality	There is potential for dust during construction.	We would adopt a Dust Management Plan, which will include the Institute of Air Quality Management's guidance on controlling dust. These include, for example, the use of hoarding where dust may be produced and avoiding leaving construction vehicles running unnecessarily.
 Noise	While there is the potential for noise during the building and operation of the converter stations, their location means the impact of this would be limited.	The converter station buildings are designed to reduce the impact of noisy equipment. The Outline CEMP will include measures to reduce impacts from noise during construction.	 Land use	Building the converter stations would result in a loss of agricultural land.	We are still carrying out surveys to understand the quality of the agricultural land at the converter station site and would present more information on this as part of the ES.
 Landscape	There is potential for landscape character and visual impacts from the converter buildings.	We propose to mitigate this using cut-and-fill earthworks and the creation of bunding to screen the buildings. There would be planting on top of the bunds.	 Climate change	There will be emissions associated with the construction of the converter site.	We will explore opportunities to reduce construction related emissions. Overall, the Proposed Development will result in a significant carbon saving due to its provision of renewable energy.
 Archaeology	There is potential for setting impacts on a Scheduled Monument including an Iron Age enclosure and a Roman marching camp. This would be as a result of the potential landscape impacts of the converter buildings.	This impact would be mitigated by the measures adopted to address the potential landscape impact of the converter buildings	 Socio-economics	It is expected that a proportion of the construction workforce would require accommodation locally.	We will work with local authorities to identify any potential mitigation needed for impacts from this during the construction phase.
 Hydrology	The Proposed Development would increase the non-permeable area locally. New areas of hardstanding may also affect groundwater flow.	While the overall flood risk for the converter station is low, we would agree a Drainage Strategy with relevant stakeholders. This would be designed to maintain existing surface water and groundwater discharge rates.			

The onshore cables

THE PROPOSALS

We would install four HVDC cables in pairs underground for around 14.5km along a single corridor from the proposed landfall at Cornborough Range to the converter station site. The width of this corridor would vary depending on the technique required to install cables, but will typically be 65 metres during construction and 32 metres once the cables are installed.

Once the installation of the underground HVDC cables is complete, the land would be reinstated to its previous use and condition. There would be no permanent infrastructure above ground along the HVDC cable route. The converter station site would connect to the new substation proposed to be built at Alverdiscott National Grid Substation using 12 HVAC cables. These would all be buried underground and located within the converter station site or National Grid substation.



Working areas for cable installation

DEVELOPING OUR ROUTE:

We have sought to select an underground cable route that avoids or minimises disruption to local communities and the environment. In selecting our preferred route corridor, we have taken into account consultation feedback, environmental effects, engineering requirements, construction requirements and how the land is currently used. This has included re-routing the cable corridor around Abbotsham in response to consultation feedback.

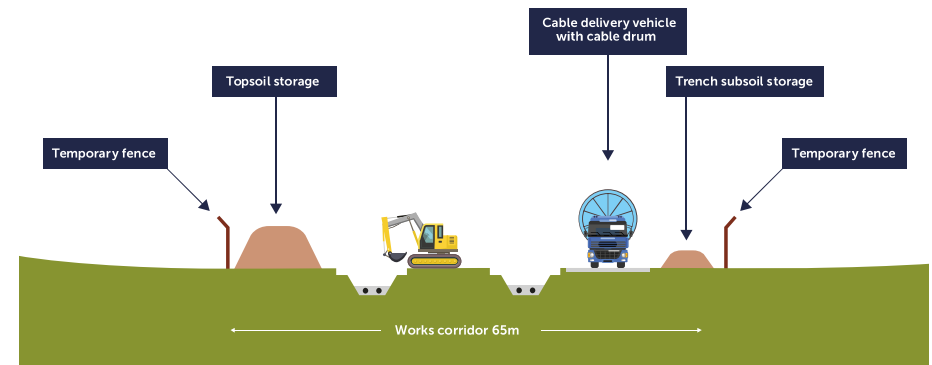
CONSTRUCTION

We would work in phases to install the cables across each of the zones shown in the plan on the facing page. Overall, it would take around two years to install the cables – but we would only be working in each zone for a part of this. All of the measures set out in our Outline CEMP and Outline CTMP see page 18 would apply to the areas where we would install the onshore cables.

The cables would be installed in ducts, each generally about 1km long. In most places, we would dig a trench, install a duct, restore the land over the duct, and then pull the cable through the duct. Where we need to cross obstacles such as the River Torridge or a major road, we would use trenchless installation techniques like Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). This involves digging down either side of the area to be crossed, drilling underneath them, and installing the duct. Each section of cable would be joined together in a safe and secure underground casing called a 'joint bay'.

We would need to carry out some works before we begin installing the cables:









- Construction compounds:** We would establish a small number of temporary construction compounds (primarily at proposed HDD locations) in addition to the main construction compound off Gammaton Road.
- A386 improvements:** We would improve an existing junction along the A386 to provide access to the area where we would install the cables under the River Torridge using HDD.



Indicative diagram of cable installation

Assessment

We have identified a number of potential effects from the onshore cables through our EIA, as well as some initial proposals for how we would avoid, address or mitigate them.

 <p>Ecology</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>We have identified some effects on hedgerows and grassland during installation. In places, these could impact species including bats and dormice.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We would develop a Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (LEMP). This would set out how we would avoid, address or mitigate these impacts. We will submit an outline version of the LEMP with our DCO application..</p>	 <p>Archaeology</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>There is some potential for buried archaeological assets within the onshore cable corridor.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We are carrying out a programme of trial trenching to understand the presence of buried archaeological evidence in more detail. We would prepare an outline Written Scheme of Investigation with the DCO application which would set out how we manage potential impacts on archaeology,</p>
 <p>Flood risk</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>Parts of the HVDC cable route are identified as being at higher risk of flooding where they are near watercourses like the River Torridge.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We would adopt measures including locating the cables away from watercourses where possible, use of trenchless techniques to cross watercourses, and the use of permeable materials in haul roads and compounds to reduce flood risk. These would be controlled by an Onshore Infrastructure Drainage Strategy (OIDS) and Onshore Infrastructure Construction Drainage Scheme (OICDS). Taking these measures into account, we have not identified any significant impacts from flood risk from the Proposed Development.</p>	 <p>Air quality</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>There is potential for dust during construction</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We would adopt a Dust Management Plan, which would include the Institute of Air Quality Management's guidance on controlling dust. These include, for example, the use of hoarding where dust may be produced and avoiding leaving construction vehicles running unnecessarily.</p>
 <p>Noise</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>We have identified potentially significant noise impacts from trenchless techniques such as HDD. This is due to the equipment that we may use and the potential need for night-working – for example, where we are laying a cable under a road.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We are continuing to work to reduce the potential impact of noise from construction. This could include using less noisy equipment, avoiding working at night as much as possible, and shielding certain pieces of equipment.</p>	 <p>Climate change</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>There would be emissions associated with the installation of the cables.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We would explore opportunities to reduce construction related emissions. Overall, the Proposed Development would result in a significant carbon saving due to its provision of renewable energy.</p>
 <p>Traffic and transport</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>The majority of vehicles would travel to and from the converter station site, with smaller numbers involved in installing the cables.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>The Outline CTMP would include measures for managing vehicle movements, including agreed routes for accessing the converter station site, hours for deliveries, and activities to reduce our impact such as wheel-washing. Taken alongside the road improvements and temporary work included in the Proposed Development, we do not expect there to be any significant effects on traffic and transport.</p>	 <p>Landscape</p> <p>EFFECT</p> <p>There would be some temporary effects on landscape character and visual impacts while we are installing the cables.</p>	<p>MITIGATION</p> <p>We would always ensure that our construction sites are well managed and maintained, including the use of hoardings and minimising use of lighting as much as possible.</p>

The offshore cables

THE PROPOSALS

Electricity would move from Morocco to the UK along four cables either buried in or protected on top of the seabed. To ensure the most efficient method, electricity will be transmitted using proven HVDC technology, already used to transport electricity between the UK and Europe.

Within UK waters, the cables would be located in a corridor around 370km in length, from the edge of the UK's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) to the point they are proposed to reach shore at Cornborough Range. The cables would be placed in pairs with a fibre optic cable which would allow us to monitor the cables once installed up until the point they approach the land. The cables would then be separated out as they approach the shore.

Ultimately, the space that the cables would occupy once installed is one metre wide for each pair of cables.

DEVELOPING OUR ROUTE:

We have completed multiple studies and surveys to inform our proposed route offshore. These include investigations of water depth, seabed features and geohazards, metocean influences, external stakeholders (e.g. seabed leaseholders, general fishing activities, shipping etc) and environmental constraints such as marine protected areas including Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA), and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ). We will continue to work with relevant stakeholders in developing our proposals offshore in further detail.

However, while we plan our route, we need to allow enough space within the corridor to take into account conditions we encounter during construction and feedback from stakeholders.

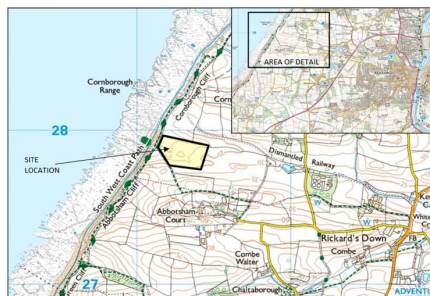
We are therefore looking at routing options in a corridor 500m wide in most places, extending to 1500m in some places where the cables would cross existing power and telecommunications cables.

COMING ASHORE:

The cables are proposed to come ashore at Cornborough Range, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford. The offshore cables will join to a set of onshore cables here. This will take place underground in two safe and secure casings called 'joint bays'.



Indicative image of a cable-laying vessel



Area for HDD at Cornborough Range

CONSTRUCTION

If a DCO is granted, we expect to install the offshore cables between 2028 and 2029. This would take place in a series of phases: we would lay sections of cable of around 160km each working from the landfall initially and then moving seawards.

The offshore cables would be installed using specialised cable-laying vessels. These carry a pair of drums with a length of cable, which is then bundled and laid off the ship onto the seabed. We would then bury the cables to protect them and avoid disrupting other maritime activities, such as fishing. In most places in UK waters, we would do this using a trenching machine on a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). In places, we may also put in place additional rock protection over the cables.

There would be some amount of work we need to do to prepare the cable route before this could take place. This includes surveys to check the condition of the seabed before we begin work, debris clearance, removal of out-of-service cables along the route, boulder removal, and ploughing trenches in certain areas.

LANDFALL:

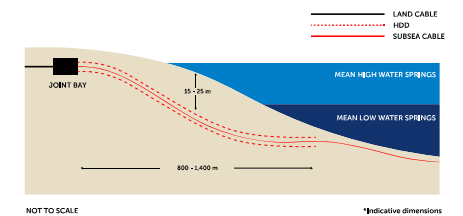
The landfall at Cornborough Range would be constructed using HDD under the seabed and shoreline, pulling the offshore cables (most likely from the sea towards the land) through underground ducts and connecting to the onshore cables at the joint bay. This would require the use of a jack-up barge where we are working near the shore. We would need to widen the existing junction from the Cornborough Sewage Treatment Works access road should we bring the cables ashore at this location.

We are aware of the need to make sure that we coordinate cable laying carefully with people and businesses using the water along the route. We are engaging with relevant authorities such as the Marine Management Organisation and Maritime and Coastguard Agency, as well as other marine users, when planning and carrying out our cable installation works.

We would also submit a number of documents with our DCO application setting out how we will plan and manage offshore construction in more detail. These include an Outline CEMP.



Vessel used as part of offshore work











NOT TO SCALE

*Indicative dimensions

Diagram showing HDD in the intertidal area

Assessment

As the cables would either be buried in or protected on top of the seabed, the main potential impacts offshore are during the construction period or where the cables cross other infrastructure. We have conducted a range of offshore studies and surveys as part of our EIA, as well as engaging with relevant expert bodies like Natural England and the Joint Nature Conservation Committee. We have identified a number of potential effects from the offshore cables through our EIA, as well as some initial proposals for how we would avoid, address or mitigate them.

	EFFECT	MITIGATION		EFFECT	MITIGATION
 <p>Physical processes</p>	<p>We are assessing the effects of construction on sediment dispersal underwater, including how widely it could be dispersed. This is important to understand for many of our other assessments.</p>	<p>We are continuing to carry out our assessments in this area as well as engaging with Natural England, the Joint Nature Conservation Committee and the Marine Management Organisation.</p>	 <p>Commercial fisheries</p>	<p>We have conducted a detailed review of fisheries along our route. The main potential impact would be during our construction phase.</p>	<p>We would employ dedicated fisheries liaison officers throughout the construction period. The entire design adheres to best practice in terms of avoiding impact on fisheries. This includes any cable protection being over-trawlable.</p>
 <p>Benthic Ecology</p>	<p>We have collected detailed survey data to inform the assessment of impacts to seabed habitats along the offshore cable corridor. The bedrock at the Landfall is designated as a geological Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) known as Mermaid's Pool to Rowden Gut.</p>	<p>Our proposed route avoids all subtidal protected sites so that there will be no loss of protected habitats. We do not anticipate any significant effects on benthic ecology. Where we have identified fragile habitats, we would route the cable to avoid impacts. At the Landfall we propose to use trenchless construction techniques (HDD) to pass beneath, and avoid any risk to the geological SSSI.</p>	 <p>Ornithology</p>	<p>There is very limited potential for impacts on marine birds. However, given the very large foraging ranges of some seabirds, this remains part of our EIA.</p>	<p>We propose to avoid all protected sites with the offshore cable route. We are engaging with Natural England to ensure all proposed mitigation is appropriate.</p>
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Enhancing the local environment

We have put protecting and enhancing the local environment at the heart of our proposals. Overall, we plan to deliver a net gain in biodiversity through the work we do in Devon.

We will develop an Outline Landscape and Environment Management Plan (LEMP), which will set out in more detail how we will create and improve local habitats to encourage biodiversity.

We are still looking at the best way to do this across the Proposed Development. Measures we could employ in the Outline LEMP include:

- Strengthening existing hedgerow and field boundaries
- Replacing or reinstating hedgerows on a like-for-like basis where these are impacted by the cables
- Planting new areas of habitat including Atlantic rainforest, scrub and species-rich grassland
- Using native and locally appropriate plant species.

We would very much welcome feedback through the consultation about what you currently value about the local environment and any opportunities you feel exist for enhancing it.

We will include more information about our plans to enhance the local environment, including an outline version of the LEMP, as part of our DCO application.



Jobs, skills and investment

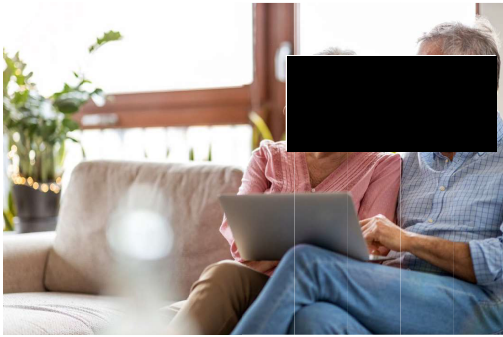
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Responding to the consultation

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FIND OUT MORE

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- Getting in touch with us by phoning **0800 038 3486**, emailing **hello@xlinks.co** or writing to **Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation, FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**
- Visiting our Project website: **xlinks.co/devon**
- Coming along to our exhibitions or online events:

Monday 20 May 2024, 4pm - 8pm

Abbotsham Village Hall, Abbotsham, Bideford EX39 5AP

Tuesday 21 May 2024, 4pm - 8pm

Alverdiscott Village Hall, Stoney Cross, Bideford EX39 4PZ

Friday 31 May 2024, 1pm - 5pm

Pollyfield Community Centre, Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL

Saturday 1 June 2024, 11am - 3pm

Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, EX38 7HH

Offshore stakeholder event

Wednesday 22 May 2024, 12:30pm-4:30pm

Caddsdawn Business Centre, Caddsdawn Industrial Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3BE

- Get in touch by post, email or phone to request a printed copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire or a USB containing all the consultation materials. We will post these to your address free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be considered on a case-by-case basis and might be subject to a reasonable printing charge.
- Collect a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire from the following locations (please check opening hours with the venue before attending), where a printed copy of the PEIR including a Non Technical Summary will also be available to review:

Sign-up for a Webinar

Wednesday 29 May 2024, 6pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday 5 June 2024, 6pm - 7:30pm

Email **hello@xlinks.co** to register

DOCUMENT DEPOSIT POINTS*

Northam Library

Fore St, Northam, Bideford EX39 1AW

Monday/Saturday: **10am - 1pm**

Wednesday/Friday: **10am - 5pm**

Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday: **CLOSED**

Pollyfield Community Centre

Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL

Monday to Sunday: **9:30am - 11pm**

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SHARE YOUR VIEWS

You can share your views on the Proposed Development by:

- Completing an online questionnaire at: **xlinks.co/devon**
- Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to: **hello@xlinks.co**
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All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of **11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024**.

The following questions are all included in our consultation questionnaire. We would particularly welcome your responses on these topics as part of the consultation:

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any comments on our proposals for the converter station site during:
 - a. Construction?
 - b. Operations?
2. Do you have any comments on our proposals for onshore cables during:
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6. Do you have any other comments you think we should consider?



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2.3 Consultation questionnaire

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Morocco-UK Power Project Statutory Public Consultation Questionnaire

16 May 2024 to 27 June 2024

We are now holding a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK elements of the Morocco-UK Power Project. Our consultation will be held from **Thursday, 16 May 2024 - Thursday, 27 June 2024**.

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Consultation questions

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Please explain your answer:

b. Operations?

Please explain your answer:

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About you

a. Are you: Local Resident Elected representative Other

b. Age bracket 0-17 18-24 25-34 35-44
 45-55 55-64 65 and over

Your details

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Please return your feedback form on the day, or via our email or postal address by **11.59pm on Thursday, 27 June 2024.**

Email: **hello@xlinks.co**
Phone: **0800 038 3486**
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Any comments received will be analysed and had regard to by Xlinks 1 Ltd (the 'Applicant') and any of its appointed agents. Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, the Planning Inspectorate and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the process. We will request that any personal details are not placed on public record and will be held securely by the Applicant and its agents in accordance with data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent application for the DCO and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Responses will also form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may also be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

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2.4 Information boards

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Welcome

Welcome to this statutory public consultation event for the Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project'). We are consulting on all elements of the Project in the UK (the 'Proposed Development').

Our proposals have been shaped and refined by local views and expertise in two previous rounds of consultation. We're grateful to everyone who has taken the time to speak with us and shape our plans so far.

Before we submit our application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the 'Secretary of State'), we are holding a final round of consultation to get your views on our updated proposals.

In this room, you will find information about:

- **Our updated proposals**
- **The planning process**
- **How you can take part in the consultation and submit your views.**

Members of our team are on hand to answer any questions you may have. You can also pick up a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire here, as well as viewing our technical documents.

Your views are important and we strongly encourage you to respond to the consultation, either today or before the deadline of **27 June 2024**.

Our Mission

Over the coming decades, the UK will undergo a revolution in the way it powers homes, businesses and transport.

It needs to stop using carbon fuels in generating electricity by 2035 if it is to meet its commitments to combat climate change. Our project exists to help close this gap.

The Project proposes a new electricity generation facility entirely powered by solar and wind energy combined with a battery storage facility. It would connect Guelmim Oued Noun, an energy-rich region in Morocco, to the UK via 4,000km (2,485 miles) of subsea cables.

This Project would deliver 3.6 gigawatts (GW) of reliable wind and solar energy to Great Britain for 19+ hours a day on average. This is enough to provide affordable, clean power to the equivalent of over 7 million British homes and once complete, the Project would be capable of supplying 8% of Great Britain's electricity needs.

11.5GW
Solar and wind generation



22.5GWh
Battery storage



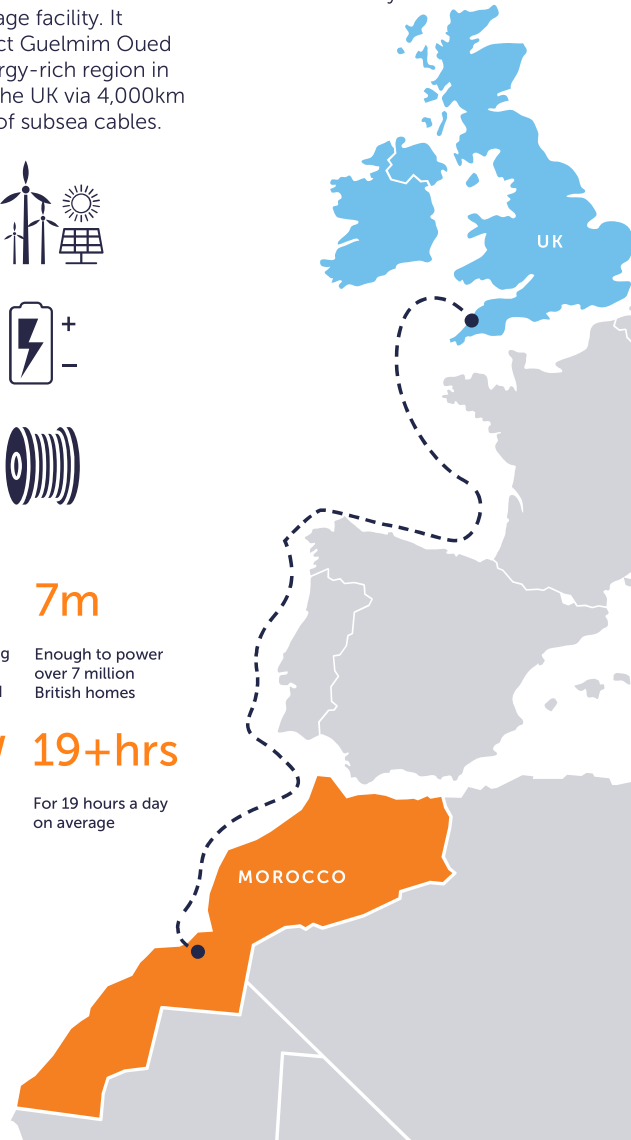
2 x 1.8GW
HVDC subsea cable systems



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Capable of meeting 8% of GB's annual electricity demand

7m
Enough to power over 7 million British homes

3.6GW **19+hrs**
Supply of reliable renewable power For 19 hours a day on average



The Proposed Development



1 Offshore cables

Electricity would move between Morocco and the UK along four cables buried under the seabed. This would use proven High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) technology which is already used to transport electricity between the UK and other parts of Europe. The approximate length of the cable corridor in UK waters is 370km.

2 Landfall

The cables are proposed to come ashore at Cornborough Range, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford. The offshore cables would join a set of onshore cables here. This would take place underground in a safe and secure casing called a 'joint bay'.

3 Onshore cables

Four cables are proposed to run between the landfall at Cornborough Range and the converter stations. These would all be buried underground in pairs. We have carefully considered feedback from previous consultations, as well as potential environmental impacts, in proposing the route for the cables. For example, the planned cable route now avoids Abbotsham Village.

4 Converter stations

We need to convert electricity from the HVDC used to transport it efficiently from Morocco to High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) before it can be used in this country's electricity system and our homes.

We propose to do this at two converter stations at the old Webbery Showground, close to the point that the Proposed Development would connect into the National Grid. Each converter station would be able to convert 1.8GW of electricity from HVDC to HVAC.

5 Connection point

The Project would connect into the National Grid via a new substation adjacent to the existing Alverdiscott Substation. This would allow for the onward transmission of 3.6GW of electricity to where it's needed in the country. 12 HVAC cables would link the converter stations to the substation.

What's changed?

Our proposals have been shaped and refined by local views and expertise in two previous rounds of consultation. We have developed our proposals over time, taking into account technical requirements, our ongoing environmental surveys and studies, and feedback from stakeholders and the community:

1 Identifying a grid connection

Our work alongside National Grid identified Alverdiscott National Grid Substation as the preferred option for connecting the Project into the grid. This is because it had sufficient space close to the point of connection for the converter stations and a lower risk of interactions with nearby infrastructure.

2 Identifying landfall options

This included assessing multiple potential landing sites, considering factors such as distance from the point of connection at Alverdiscott, the suitability of the land for installing cables, the need to avoid steep cliffs, environmental constraints, and accessibility. We selected the proposed landfall at Cornborough Range because it was considered preferable in a number of areas to install the cables there than at other potential locations.

3 Locating the converter station site and onshore cable route

We conducted a search for suitable sites for the converter stations. The factors we considered to identify our initial proposed site included:

- distance from Alverdiscott National Grid Substation
- the availability of enough space to build the converter stations
- accessibility from existing roads
- avoiding impacts on environmental and heritage features, homes, areas at higher risk of flooding, and Public Rights of Way.

4 Initial public consultation (November 2022)

We published our early proposals at this time to seek feedback on the proposed location of the converter stations and our options for cable routes.

The proposals we published at that stage included locating the converter stations south of their current proposed location, south of Gammaton Cross.

5 Second public consultation (April – May 2023)

We carefully considered feedback from our first round of consultation and responded with updated proposals. These included:

- moving the converter station site to the old Webbery Showground to reduce impacts on homes
- changing the route of our cable corridor to avoid impacting new homes and the primary school in Abbotsham
- presenting more detail about construction.

6 Statutory consultation (May-June 2024)

Since the last consultation, the Secretary of State recognised the Proposed Development as nationally significant. We have also continued our environmental and technical assessment to refine our proposals. Changes made since the last consultation include proposing to rotate the eastern converter station south and west to reduce its potential environmental impacts consultation.

The planning process

Last year, the Secretary of State recognised the Proposed Development as nationally significant and requiring development consent under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008.

This recognised the major contribution it could make to the country's need for clean, secure and reliable energy.

The change means we need to apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State to construct and operate the Proposed Development, rather than seeking planning permission from Torridge District Council.

The DCO application process is managed by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State. The stages that a DCO application must pass through involve extensive consultation and local involvement. You can see an outline of the process and an indicative timeline on this board. We are currently at the statutory consultation stage.



The converter station site

Our proposals include two converter stations, located at the old Webbery showground west of the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation.

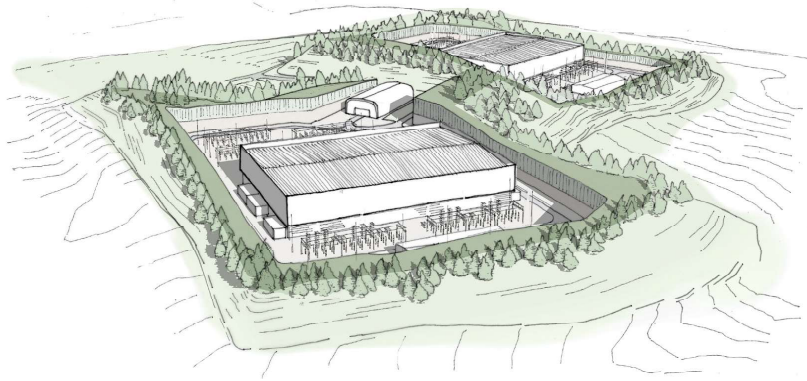
Called 'Bipole 1 (East)' and 'Bipole 2 (West)', these would convert electricity from the High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) received from Morocco to the Alternating Current (AC) used in our homes.

The equipment which would convert the electricity – known as valves and reactors – would be housed in a weatherproof building called a converter hall. Outside of the converter hall, there would be a variety of Direct Current (DC) and AC electrical equipment, such as transformers. The equipment located outside can withstand weather. Two control buildings (one per Bipole) would be required to monitor the electrical control systems managing the flow of electricity through the conversion process from DC to AC.

DC electricity is vital for transmission over a long distance efficiently, but it can't be used in our laptops, kettles and televisions. The converter station's primary purpose would be to change the DC electricity back into AC so that the electricity can be sent onwards to the National Grid for use where it's needed in homes, schools, hospitals and businesses.

Around Bipole 1 (East) and Bipole 2 (West), the converter station site would include the supporting buildings where people would work and critical spares could be stored, along with the landscaping and infrastructure shown on the artist's impression below.

The total area of the proposed converter station site is around 32ha (79 acres). This includes around 13ha (32 acres) for the converter station buildings.



Artist's impression of the converter station site showing a potential appearance of the converter station for indicative purposes

Building the converter stations

Should the Proposed Development be granted development consent, we expect construction of the converter stations to take place over around 72 months – starting in 2026 and finishing in 2032.

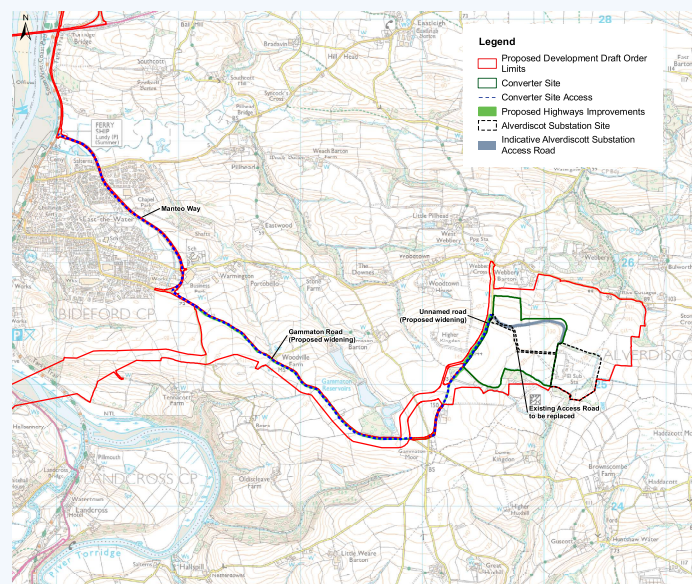
How and when we build the converter stations will be informed by their design, which will take into account feedback from this consultation, further environmental assessments and ongoing technical work.

We will set out more information about the likely phasing, activity and timings for this period in our DCO application - and would welcome your feedback on these. Our application will include an Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) and an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP).

Construction would result in maximum of 545 additional vehicle movements per day, including 105 Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs). The majority of these would be travelling to and from the converter station site.

Working hours would typically be between 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and typically 7am to 1pm on Saturday, with no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

There may be times where we need to work outside these hours – for example, when we need to move a very large item like a transformer that cannot be broken up (called an 'Abnormal Indivisible Load'), we may do this at night or in the early hours of the morning. We would agree activities like this in advance with local authorities and communicate in advance with residents.



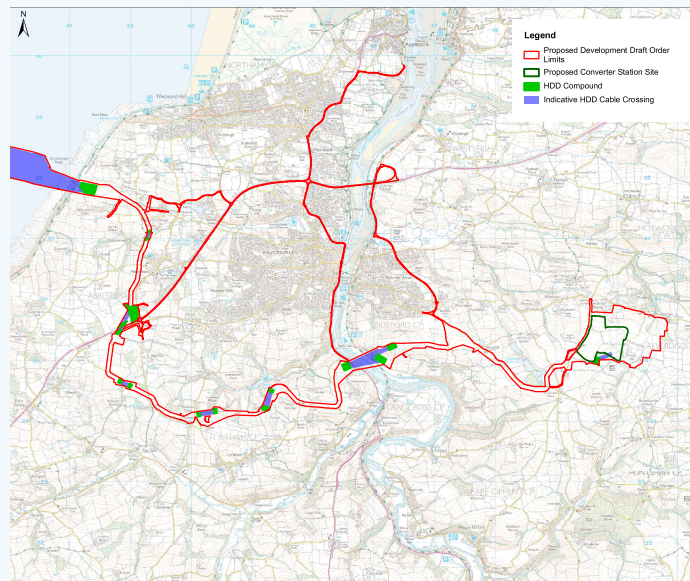
Construction access arrangement

The onshore cables

We would install four HVDC cables in pairs underground for around 14.5km along a single corridor from the proposed landfall at Cornborough Range to the converter station site.

The width of this corridor would vary depending on the technique required to install cables, but will typically be 65 metres during construction and 32 metres once the cables are installed. Once the installation of the underground High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) cables is complete, the land would be reinstated to its previous use and condition. There would be no permanent infrastructure above ground along the HVDC cable route.

The converter station site would connect to the new substation proposed to be built at Alverdiscott National Grid Substation using 12 High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) cables. These would all be buried underground and located within the converter station site or National Grid substation.



Work areas for cable installation

Installing the onshore cables

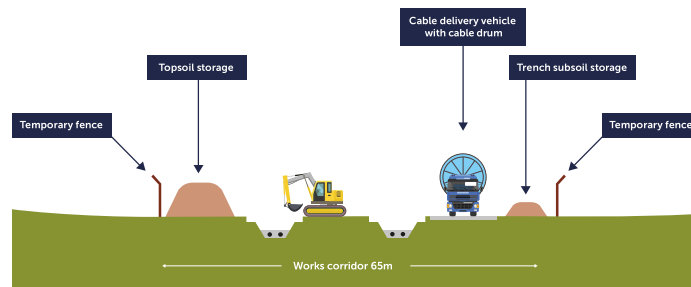
We would work in phases to install the cables. Overall, it would take around two years to install the cables – but each phase would only involve working in a part of the cable corridor at a time.

All of the measures set out in our Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan would apply to the areas where we would install the onshore cables.

The cables would be installed in ducts, each generally about 1km long. In most places, we would dig a trench, install a duct, restore the land over the duct, and then pull the cable through the duct. Where we need to cross obstacles such as the River Torridge or a major road, we would use trenchless installation techniques like Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). This involves digging down either side of the area to be crossed, drilling underneath them, and installing the duct. Each section of cable would be joined together in a safe and secure underground casing called a 'joint bay'.

We would need to carry out some works before we begin installing the cables:

- Construction compounds: We would establish a small number of temporary construction compounds (primarily at proposed HDD locations) in addition to the main construction compound off Gammaton Road.
- A386 improvements: We would improve an existing junction along the A386 to provide access to the area where we would install the cables under the River Torridge using HDD.



Indicative diagram of cable installation

The offshore cables

Electricity would move from Morocco to the UK along four cables either buried in or protected on top of the seabed. To ensure the most efficient method, electricity will be transmitted using proven HVDC technology, already used to transport electricity between the UK and Europe.

Within UK waters, the cables would be located in a corridor around 370km in length, from the edge of the UK's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) to the point they are proposed to reach shore at Cornborough Range. The cables would be placed in pairs with a fibre optic cable which would allow us to monitor the cables once installed up until the point they approach the land. The cables would then be separated out as they approach the shore.

Ultimately, the space that the cables would occupy once installed is one metre wide for each pair of cables. However, while we plan our route, we need to allow enough space within the corridor to take into account conditions we encounter during construction and feedback from stakeholders. We are therefore looking at routing options in a corridor 500m wide in most places, extending to 1500m in some places where the cables would cross existing power and telecommunications cables.

DEVELOPING OUR ROUTE:

We have completed multiple studies and surveys to inform our proposed route offshore. These include investigations of water depth, seabed features and geohazards, metocean influences, external stakeholders (e.g. seabed leaseholders, general fishing activities, shipping etc) and environmental constraints such as marine protected areas including Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA), and Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ). We will continue to work with relevant stakeholders in developing our proposals offshore in further detail.



Indicative image of a cable-laying vessel

Installing the offshore cables

If a DCO is granted, we expect to install the offshore cables between 2028 and 2029.

This would take place in a series of phases: we would lay sections of cable of around 160km each working from the landfall initially and then moving seawards.

The offshore cables would be installed using specialised cable-laying vessels. These carry a pair of drums with a length of cable, which is then bundled and laid off the ship onto the seabed. We would then bury the cables to protect them and avoid disrupting other maritime activities, such as fishing. In most places in UK waters, we would do this using a trenching machine on a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). In places, we may also put in place additional rock protection over the cables.

There would be some amount of work we need to do to prepare the cable route before this could take place. This includes surveys to check the condition of the

seabed before we begin work, debris clearance, removal of out-of-service cables along the route, boulder removal, and ploughing trenches in certain areas.

We are aware of the need to make sure that we coordinate cable laying carefully with people and businesses using the water along the route. We are engaging with relevant authorities such as the Marine Management Organisation and Maritime and Coastguard Agency, as well as other marine users, when planning and carrying out our cable installation works.

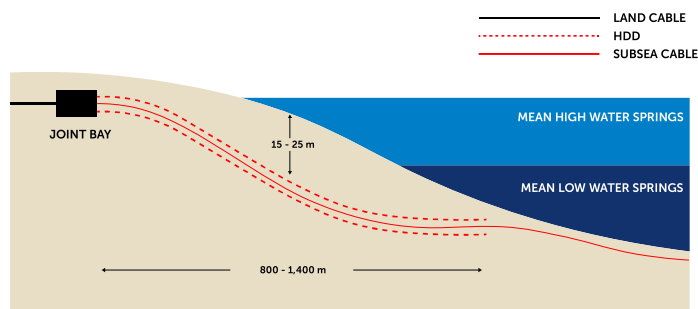
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CONSTRUCTION:

The landfall at Cornborough Range would be constructed using HDD under the seabed and shoreline, pulling the offshore cables (most likely from the sea towards the land) through underground ducts and connecting to the onshore cables at the joint bay. This would require the use of a jack-up barge where we are working near the shore. We would need to widen the existing junction from the Cornborough Sewage Treatment Works access road should we bring the cables ashore at this location.



NOT TO SCALE

*Indicative dimensions

Diagram showing HDD in the intertidal area

Assessing our impact

Our EIA will look at the Proposed Development's potential environmental effects. These will include benefits as well as negative impacts. The purpose of the EIA process is to make sure that where we have identified potential impacts, we adopt measures in our design to avoid, address or mitigate them.

The Proposed Development is classed as development requiring assessment of likely significant effects on the environment under the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (EIA Regulations). This means we need to conduct a formal assessment of its likely significant effects and consult on that assessment.

Our EIA is broken down into many topics that we need to assess, across the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Proposed Development. We have already done a lot of work to get to know the land required for the Proposed Development, through site visits and surveys. This has helped shape the design of the Proposed Development.

We are now ready to publish the initial findings of our EIA. These are included in a document called the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which includes a non-technical summary, that we have published as part of this consultation. You can find out how to access the PEIR in the final section of the consultation booklet.

Feedback from this consultation will inform our ongoing EIA. We will submit a document called an Environmental Statement (ES) setting out the final results of our assessments as part of our DCO application.



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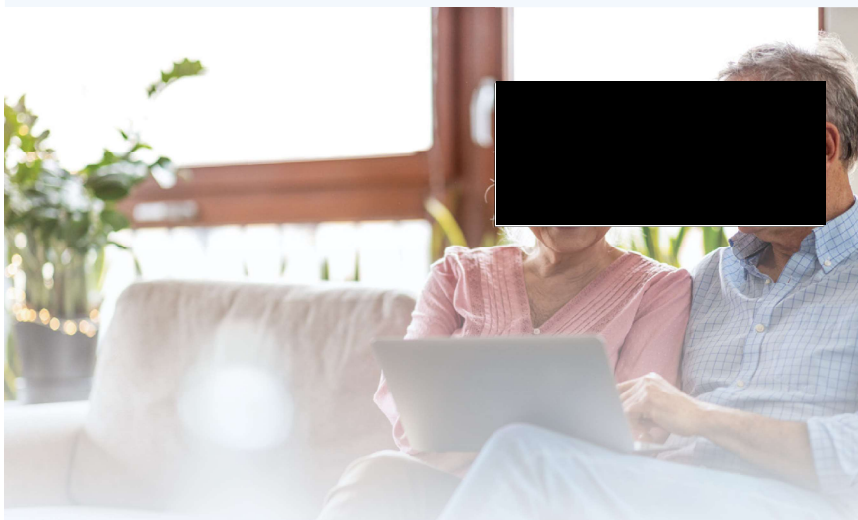
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- Getting in touch by post, email or phone to request a printed copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire or a USB containing all the consultation materials. We will post these to your address free of charge. Requests for printed copies of the PEIR will be considered on a case-by-case basis and might be subject to a reasonable printing charge.
- Collecting a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire from Northam Library or Pollyfield Community Centre (please check opening hours with the venue before attending), where a printed copy of the PEIR including a Non Technical Summary will also be available to review.



Next Steps

We will consider all the feedback that we receive at this stage of consultation, along with outputs from technical assessments, and environmental surveys to help us refine our proposals.

Following further development to finalise our proposals, we propose to submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, including a Consultation Report showing how we have taken account of feedback, to the Planning Inspectorate. We anticipate this happening in autumn 2024. The Planning Inspectorate will appoint an independent Examining Authority to examine our proposals and make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State, who will make the final decision on whether or not to grant development consent.

You can get in touch with us at any time throughout this process using the contact details on this page.

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2.5 Webinar presentation

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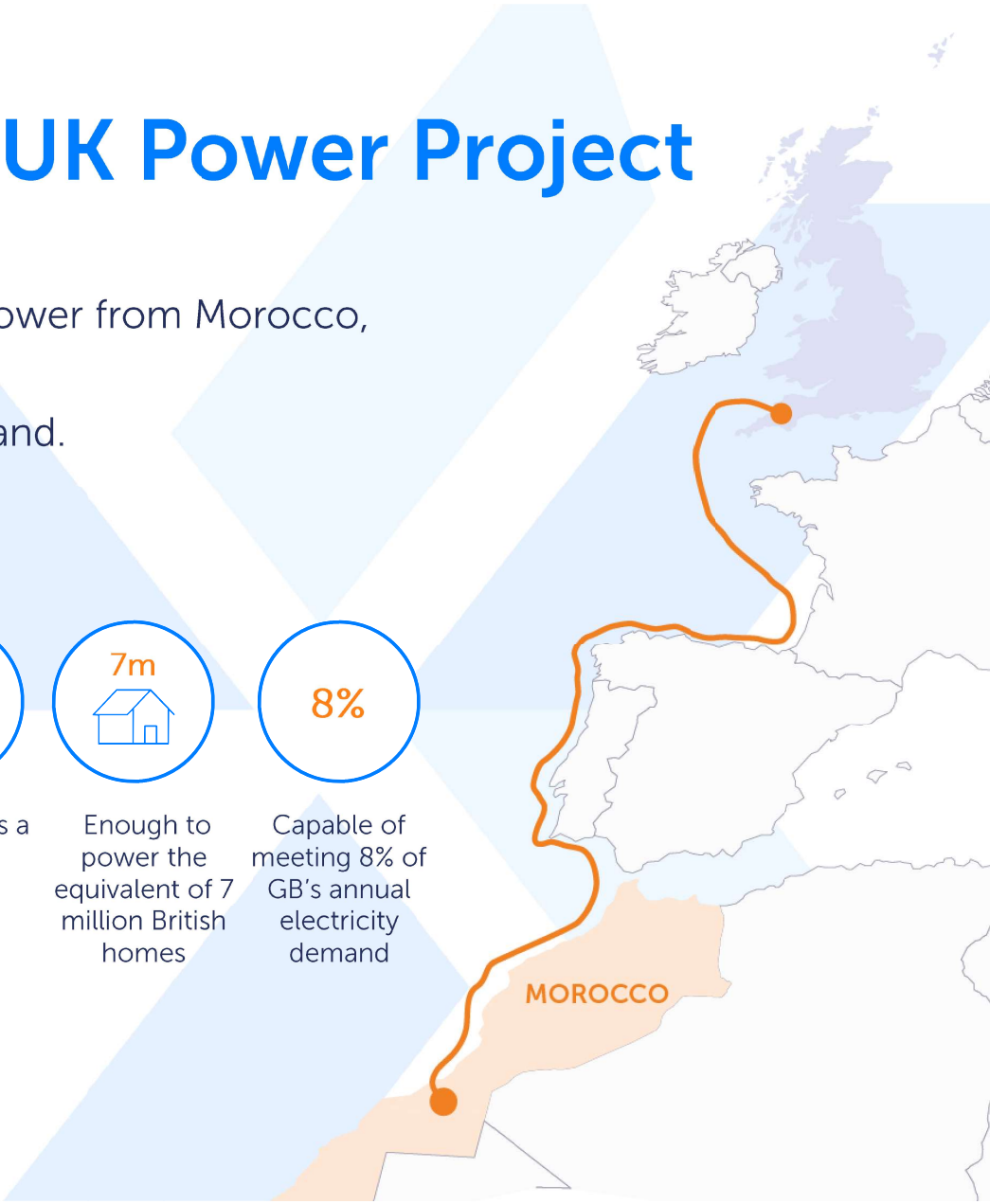
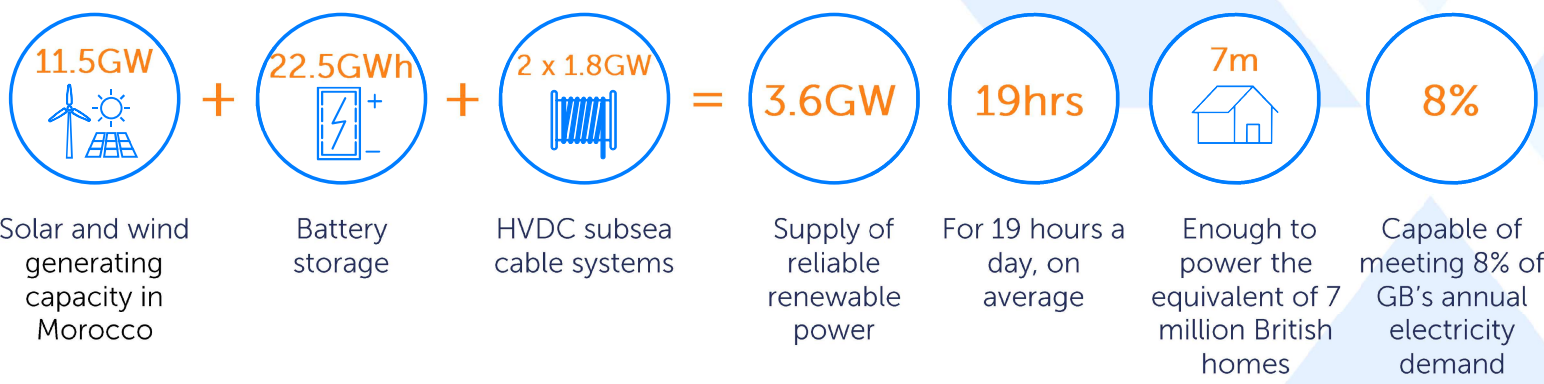
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Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Background
3. The planning process
4. Proposed Development
 - Converter station site
 - Onshore cables
 - Offshore cables
 - Construction
4. Environmental impact assessment
5. Community
6. Consultation

Introducing the Morocco-UK Power Project

- A **near-constant** and **exclusive** supply of renewable power from Morocco, averaging nineteen hours a day.
- To meet **c.8%** of Great Britain's annual electricity demand.
- Employing **proven technology**, with precedent.



The Proposed Development

- The Proposed Development relates to two HVDC to HVAC converter stations (at 4), each serving a 1.8GW connection to the GB electricity grid.
- Associated development:
 - Onshore HVDC and HVAC cables (at 3).
 - National Grid Electricity Transmission substation and ancillary works (at 5).
 - Offshore HVDC cables (at 1 and 2.)
 - Highways improvements
 - Biodiversity net gain



The planning process

- Section 35 direction made in 2023
- This requires that we seek a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Proposed Development

January 2024

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping

We sought the Planning Inspectorate's views on the issues that are to be considered in our EIA.

1

May - July 2024

Statutory consultation

We will consult in line with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

2

Winter 2024

Submission of the DCO application

We will have regard to all consultation responses, continue our EIA and finalise our DCO application. If needed, we may also carry out further, targeted, consultation, on specific aspects of our proposals before submitting our DCO application.

3

Winter 2024

Acceptance

PINS will have 28 days to decide whether to accept our DCO application. It will consider whether we have complied with pre-application requirements, including for carrying out adequate consultation.

4

Spring 2025

Pre-Examination

There will be an opportunity to register as an Interested Party and take part in the examination.

5

Summer - Autumn 2025

Examination

This is a fixed process with statutory timescales. The DCO application will be scrutinised by an independent Examining Authority.

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Spring 2026

Decision

The Examining Authority will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether our DCO application should be granted. The relevant Secretary of State will make the final decision.

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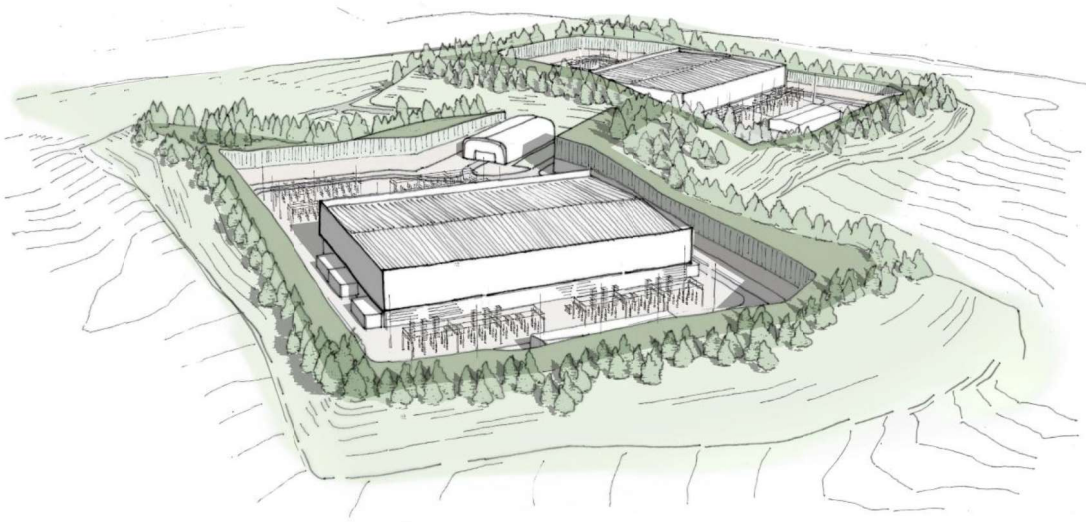
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Construction

Once we have the required consents, we would be able to begin construction.

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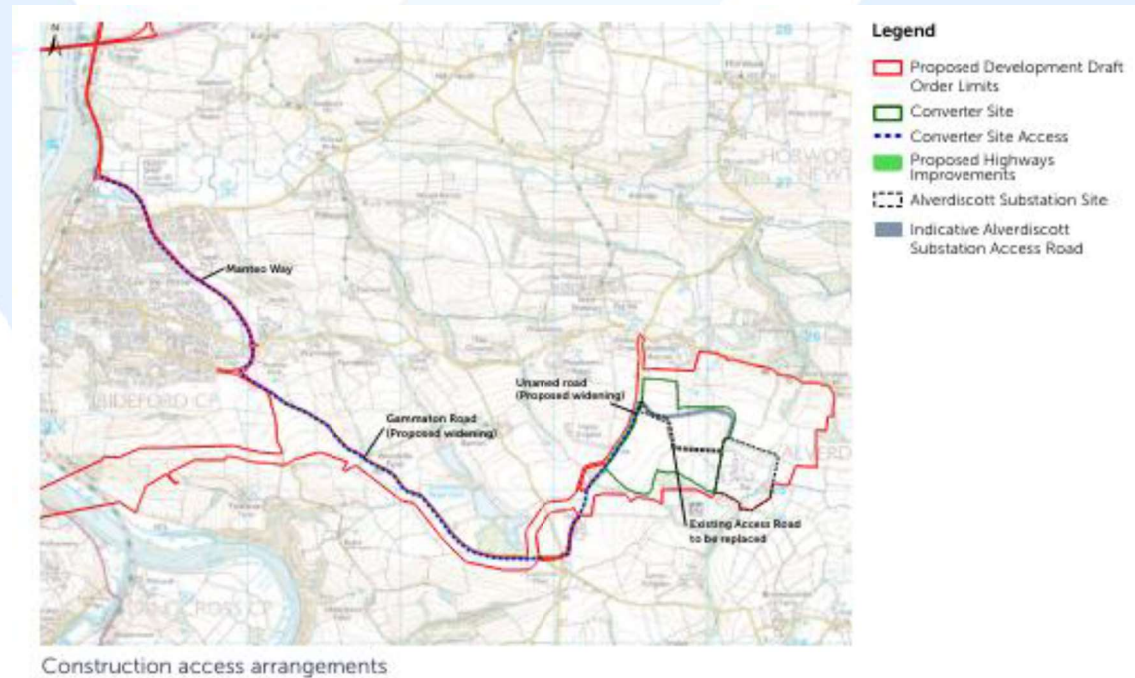
Proposed Converter site



- Proposed site is west of existing National Grid Electricity Transmission substation.
- Site selection informed by proximity to the NGET substation, engineering, environmental impacts, access, land availability and cost.
- Two converter stations convert electricity from DC (efficient over long distances) to AC (used in homes and businesses).
- Both converter stations will be dug down and use landscaping to reduce landscape and visual impacts.
- Eastern converter station has been rotated since last consultation to reduce visual and construction impacts.

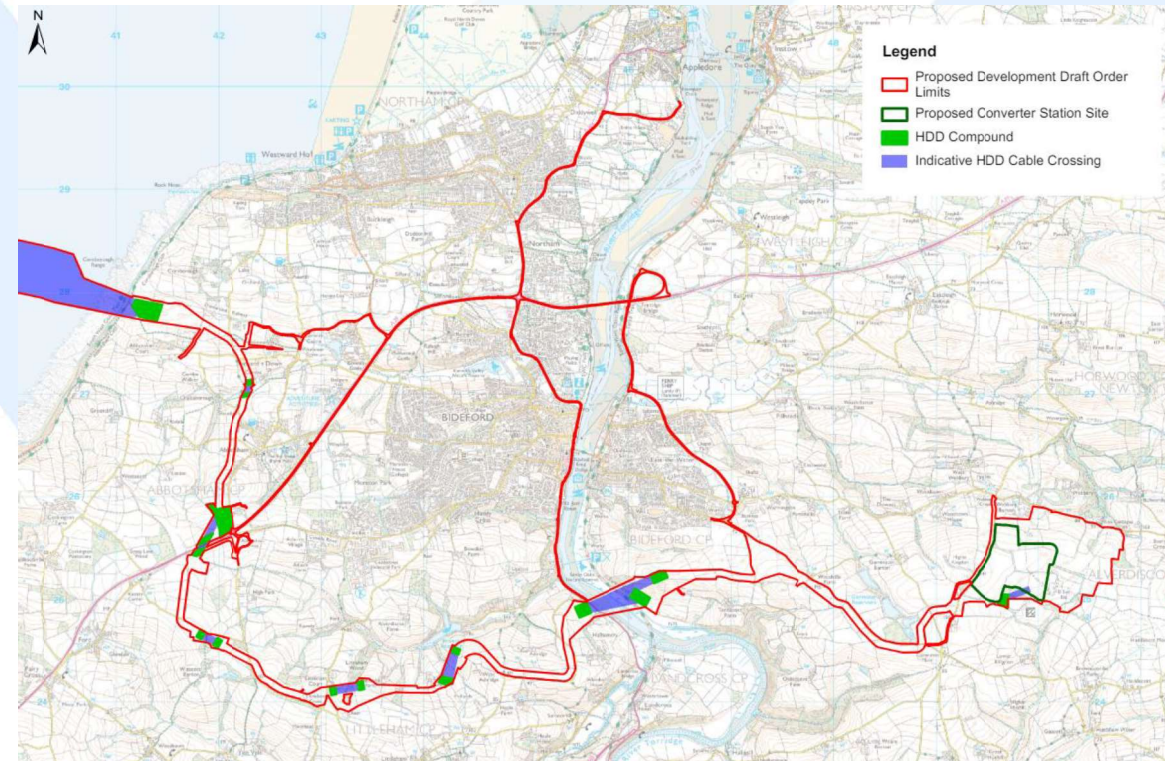
Building the converter stations.

- 72 month construction period – expected to be 2026 – 2032
- Access via A39, Barnstaple Road, Manteo Way, Gammaton Road then a haul road
- Construction controlled by an Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)
- Some temporary work required before construction:
 - Construction compound on Gammaton Road
 - Road improvements, including at Gammaton Moor, and haul road
 - Earthworks
 - Utilities diversions



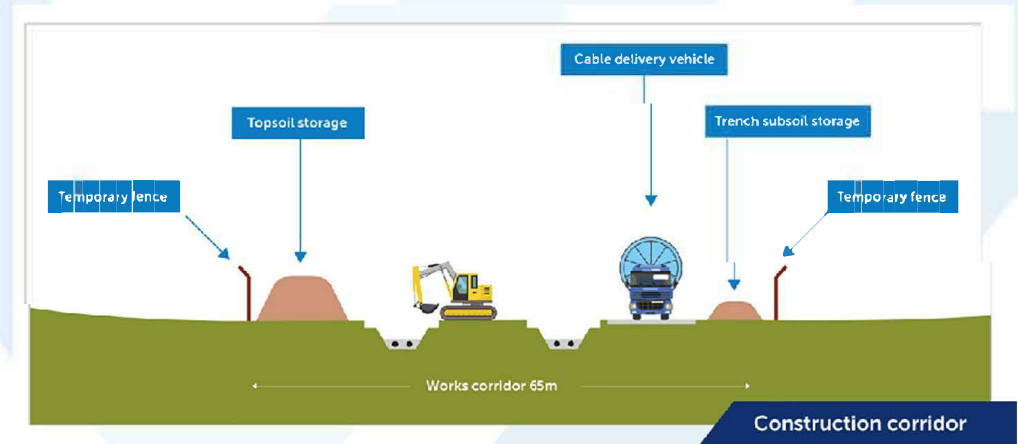
Onshore cables

- AC cables from the converter stations to the new equipment within the curtilage of the Alverdiscott 400 kV substation for onward connection to the GB high voltage electricity transmission network.
- Onshore HVDC cables from Cornborough Range to the converter station site, via a route of approximately 14 km.
- All cables to be buried underground.



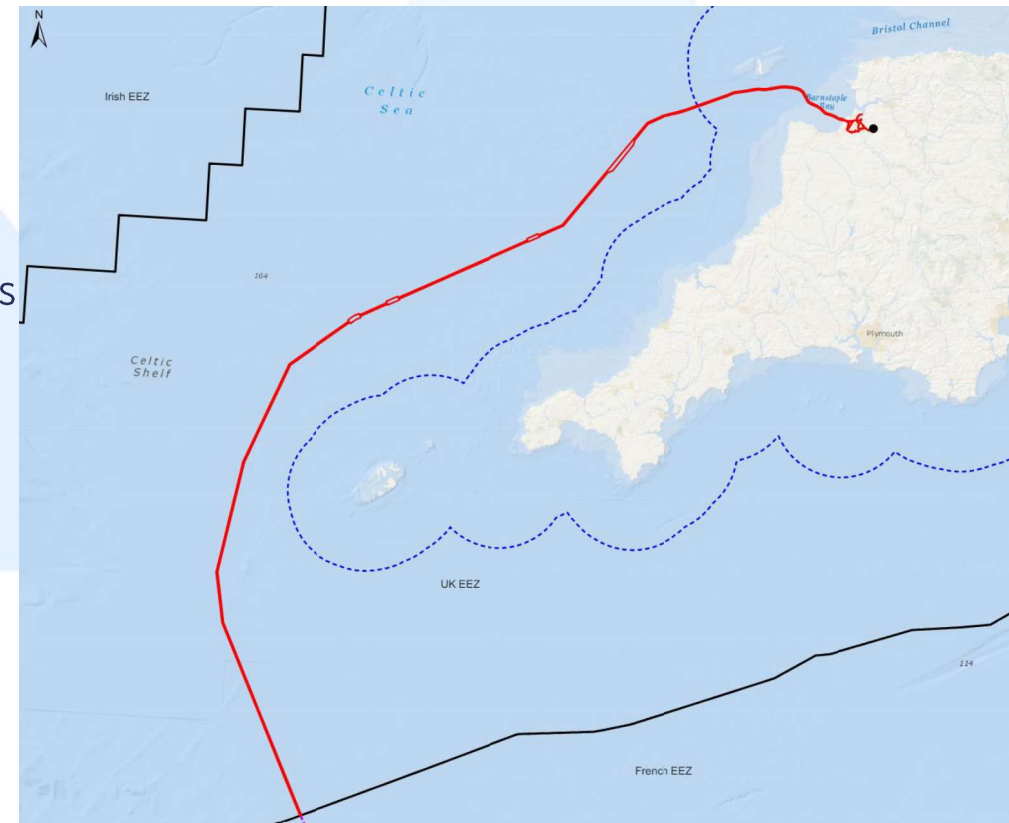
Installing cables onshore

- Installation in phases over two years – we will not be working across the whole route for this period
- Construction compounds to be established at several locations along the corridor
- Cables to be installed in ducts – we bury the duct then pull the cables through
- We will generally install ducts by digging a trench, burying the duct and restoring the ground on top – but will use trenchless techniques in some places
- All measures in CEMP and CTMP to apply to onshore works



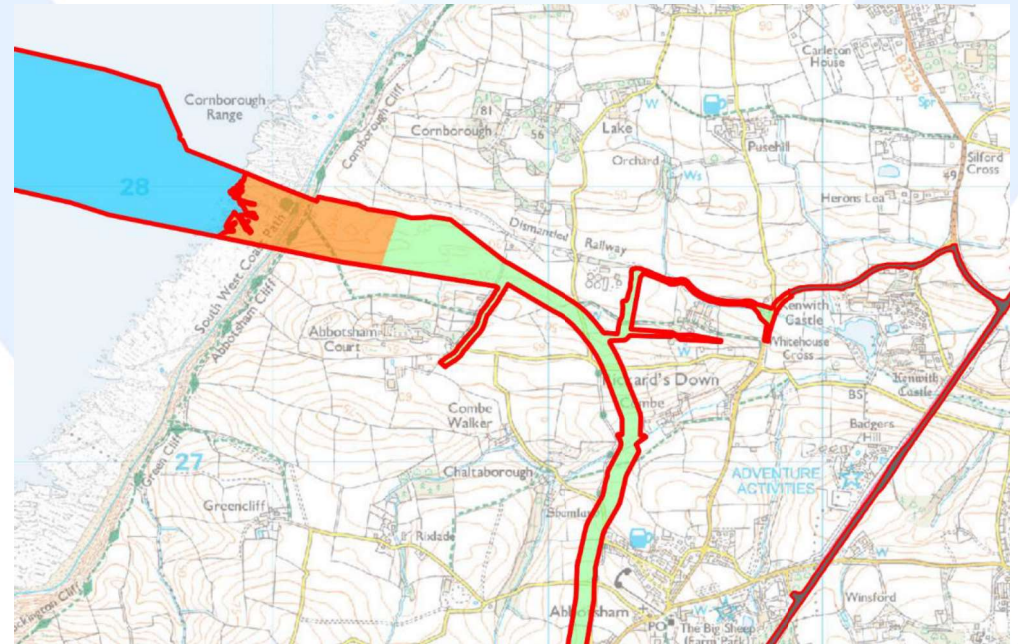
Offshore cables

- Route corridor 500-1500m
- Approx. 370 km in UK waters
- All surveys, cable installation, protection and crossings expected to be carried out within this corridor
- Four cables laid in two bundled pairs (two cables in each), average depth of 120m.
- Cable pairs typically 50-180m apart.
- Preferred method of protection is burial (typically 1-1.5m deep in <1m wide trench). Other protection methods may be utilised (site specific – designed to mitigate local activities and hazards).



Landfall

- Cables to come ashore at Cornborough Range. The offshore cables will join to a set of onshore cables here. This will take place underground in two safe and secure casings called 'joint bays.'
- Likely to be constructed using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under the seabed and shoreline. This would involve pulling the offshore cables through underground ducts and connecting to the onshore cables at the joint bay. This will require the use of a jack-up barge where we are working near the shore.
- We will need to build a new road junction from the Cornborough Sewage Treatment Works access road to allow this to take place.



Environmental impact assessment

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) looks at a project's environmental impacts.
- We are publishing the preliminary findings of our EIA for the statutory consultation – the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)
- We will submit the updated results of our EIA as an Environmental Statement with our DCO application.



Community

- We are committed to contributing to the economic and social development of the communities where we work.
- Locally, we expect to create 110 jobs in construction and 30 permanent full-time equivalent jobs once the converter stations are operational.
- As part of our DCO application, we will identify how the project can contribute to local and regional jobs, community projects and the local economy over its lifetime.
- We welcome views on how the project can contribute to the community in Devon.



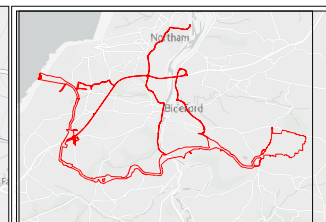
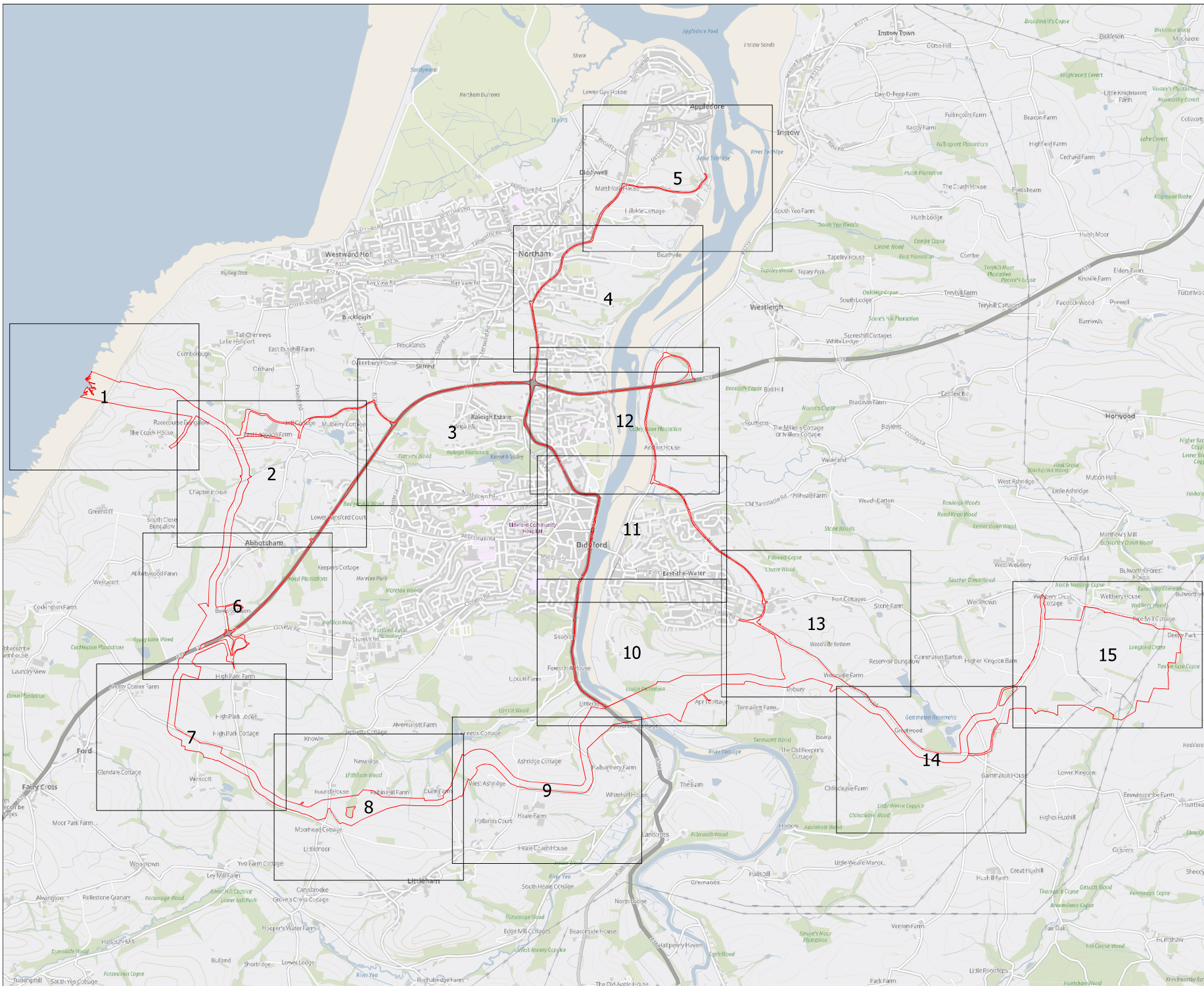
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16 May – 11 July 2024

- Attend a public consultation event:
 - 20 May, 4-8pm: Abbotsham Village Hall
 - 21 May, 4-8pm: Alverdiscott Village Hall
 - 22 May, 12.30-4.30pm: Caddsdwn Business Centre (offshore proposals)
 - 29 May, 6pm-7.30pm: Webinar
 - 31 May, 3pm-7pm: Pollyfield Community Centre
 - 1 June, 11am-3pm: Huntshaw Parish Hall
 - 5 June, 6pm-7.30pm: Webinar
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2.6 Plans and maps published as part of consultation

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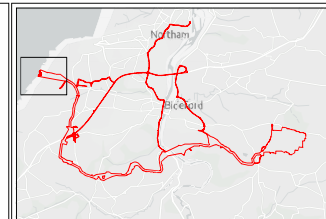
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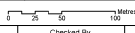
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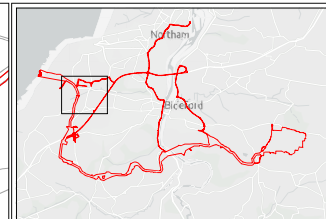
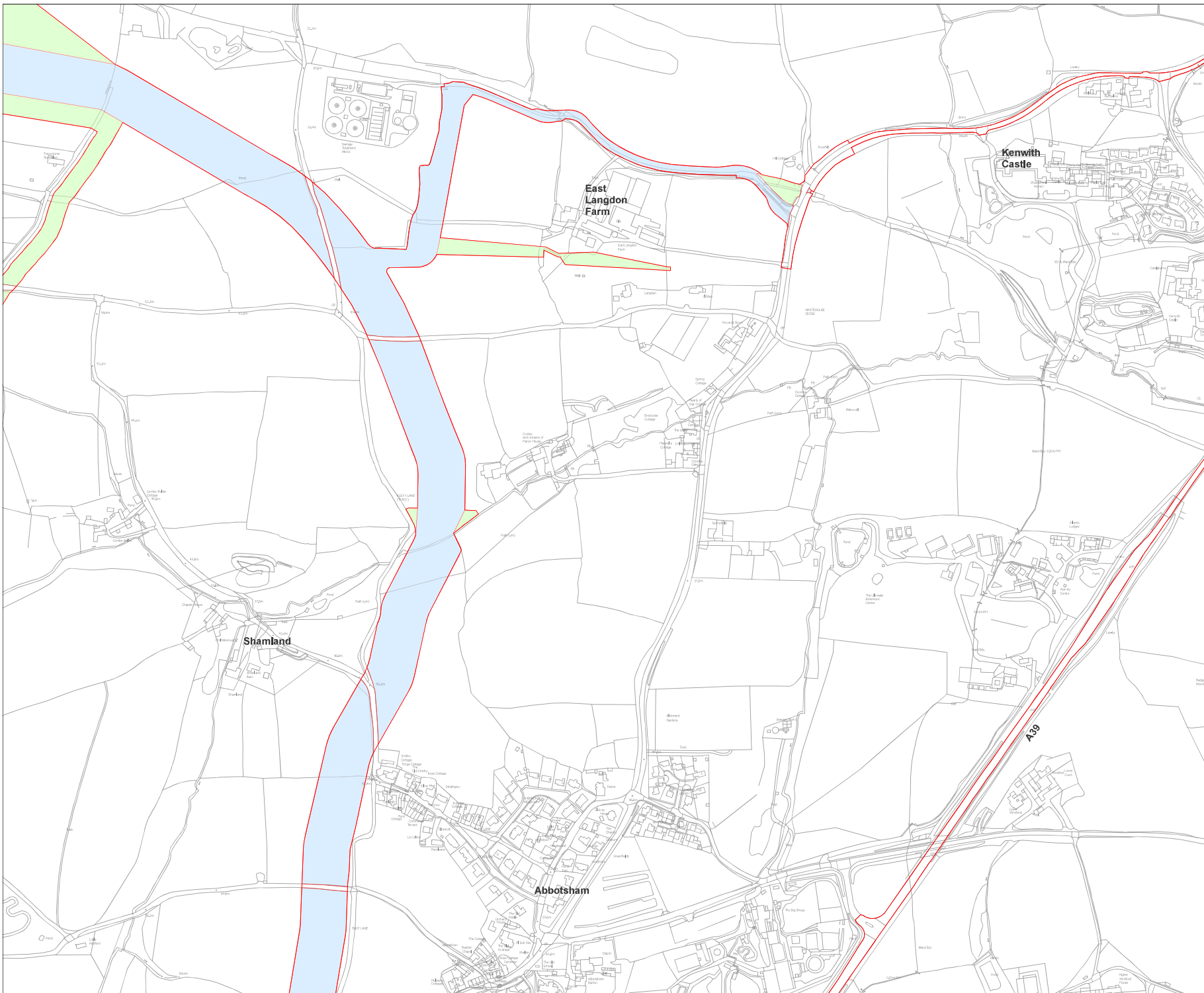
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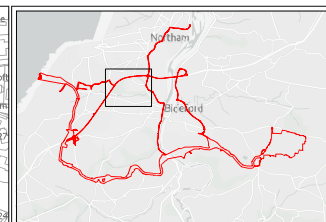
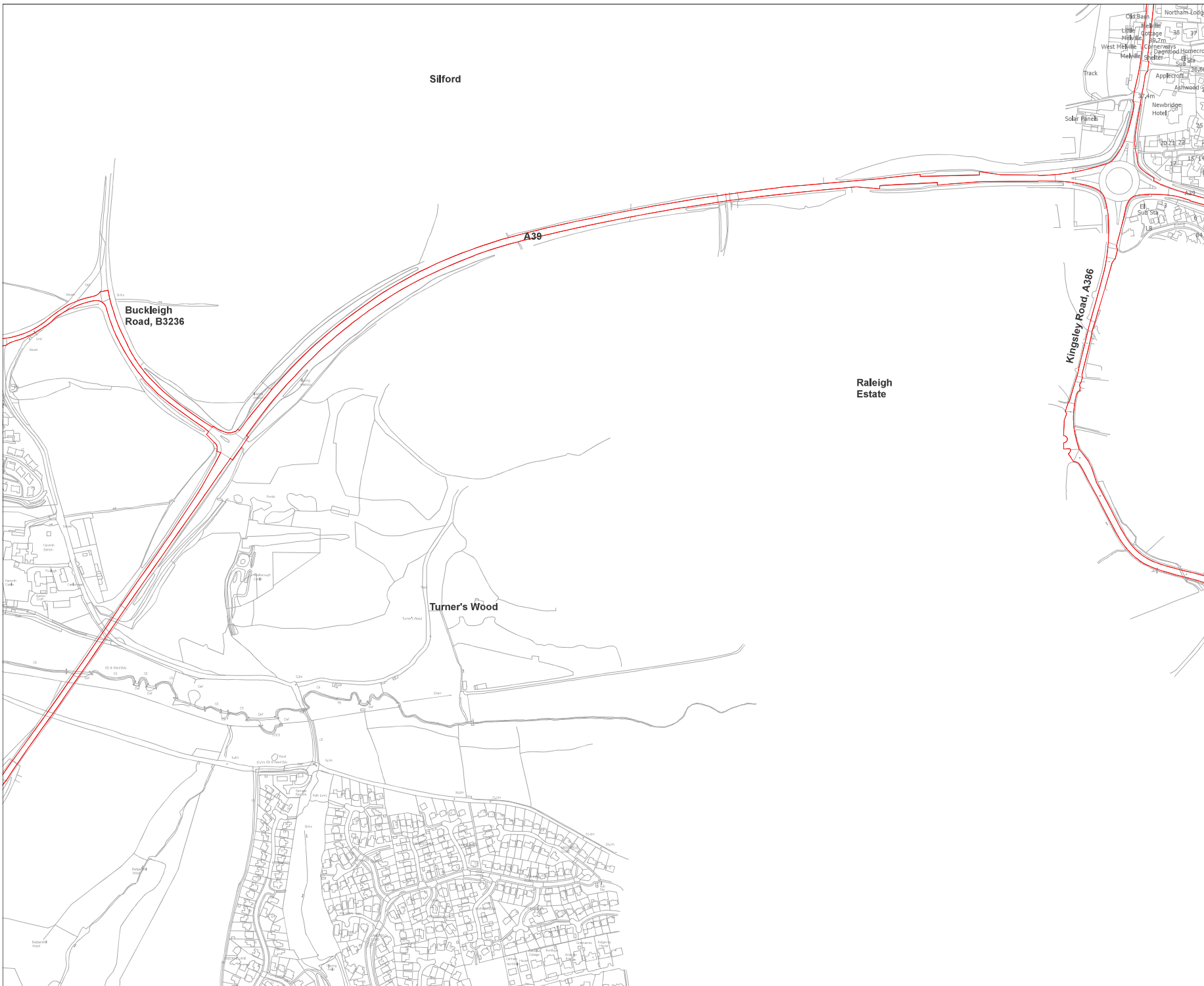
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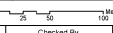
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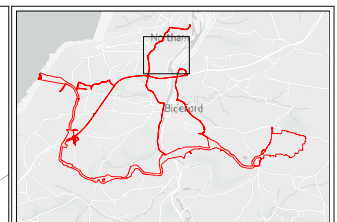
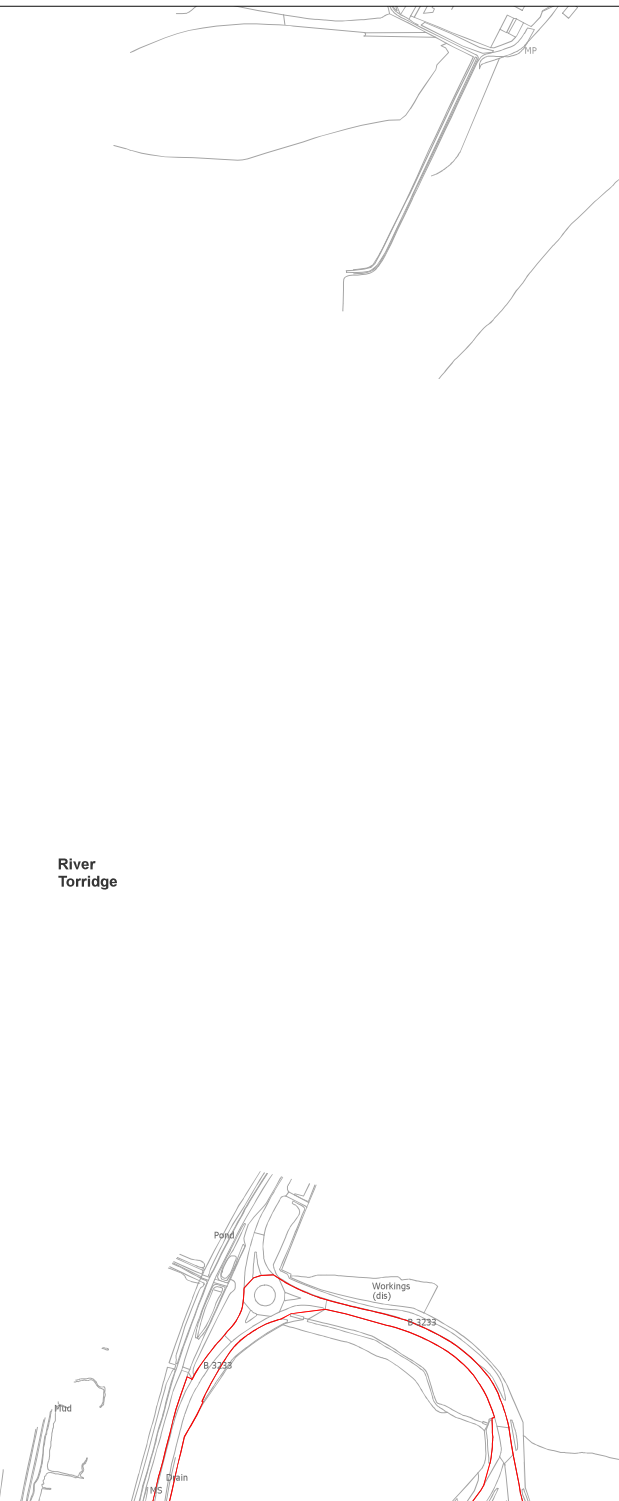
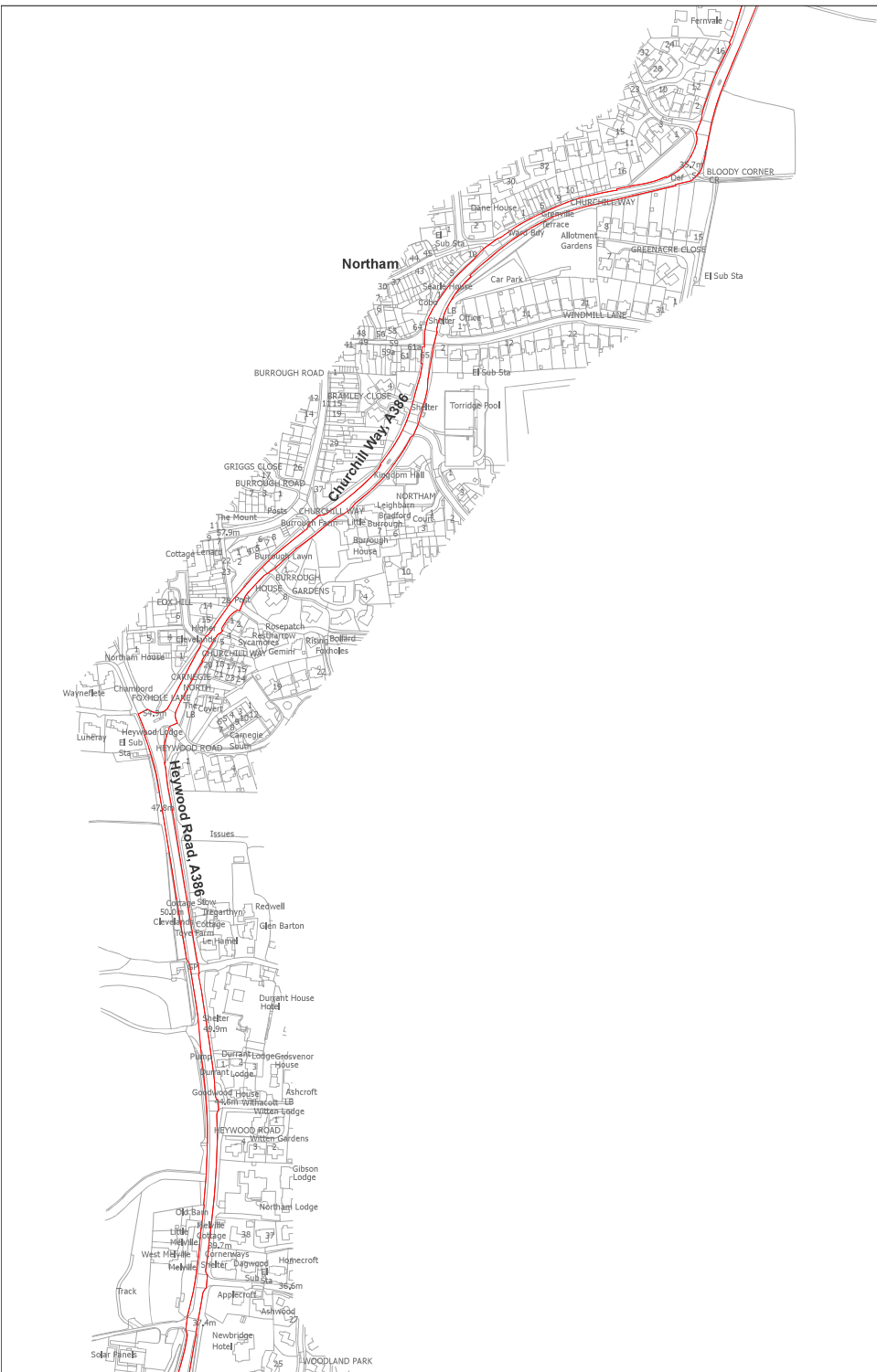
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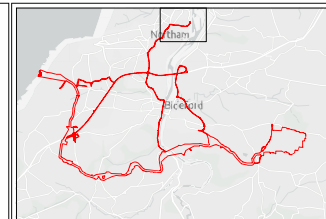
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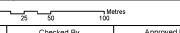
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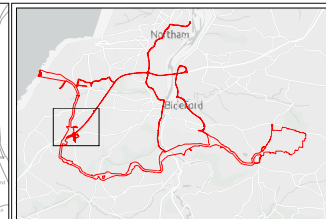
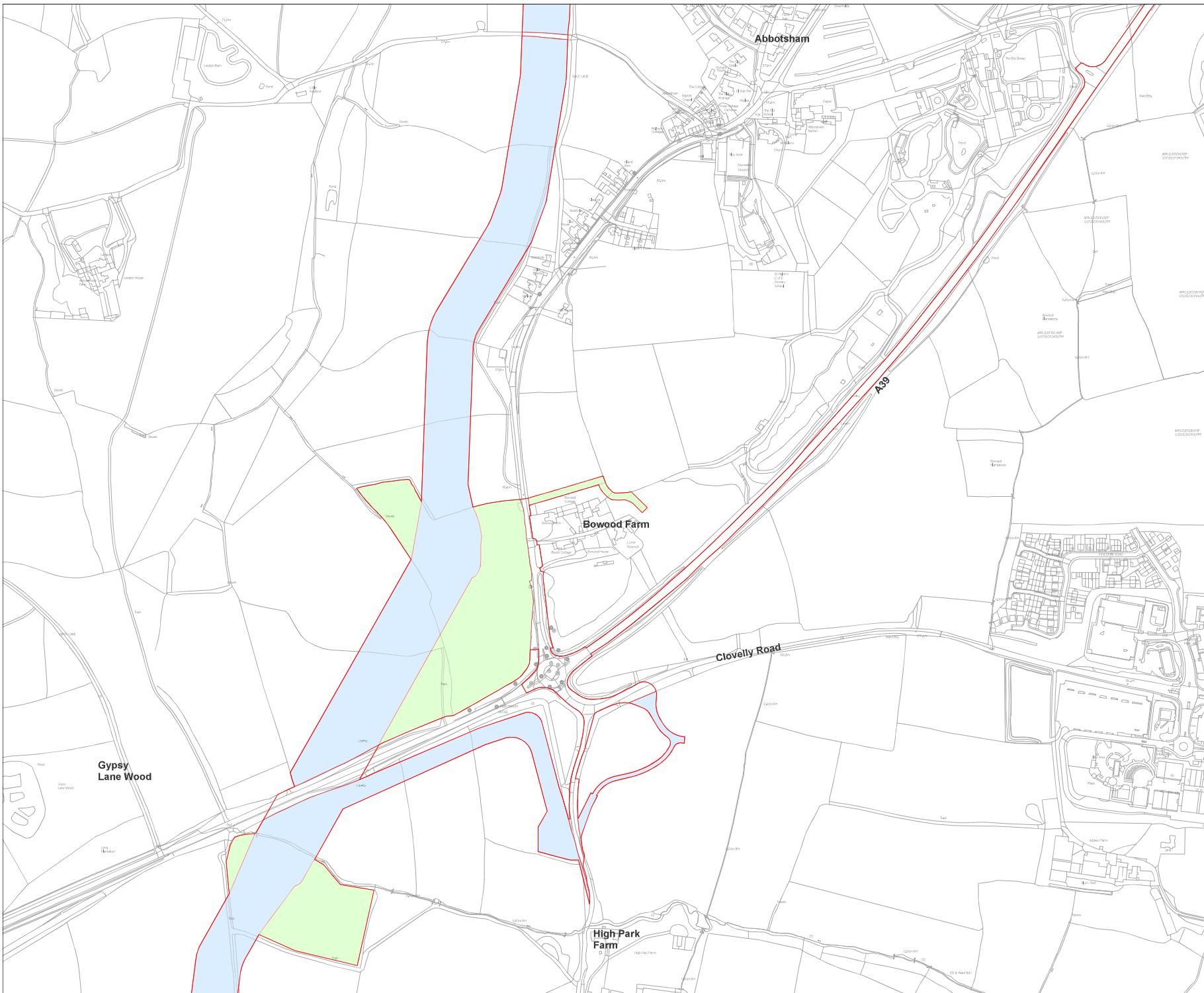
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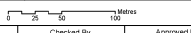
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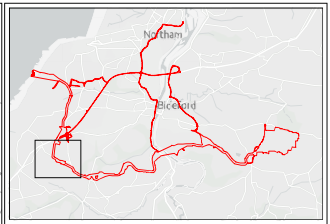
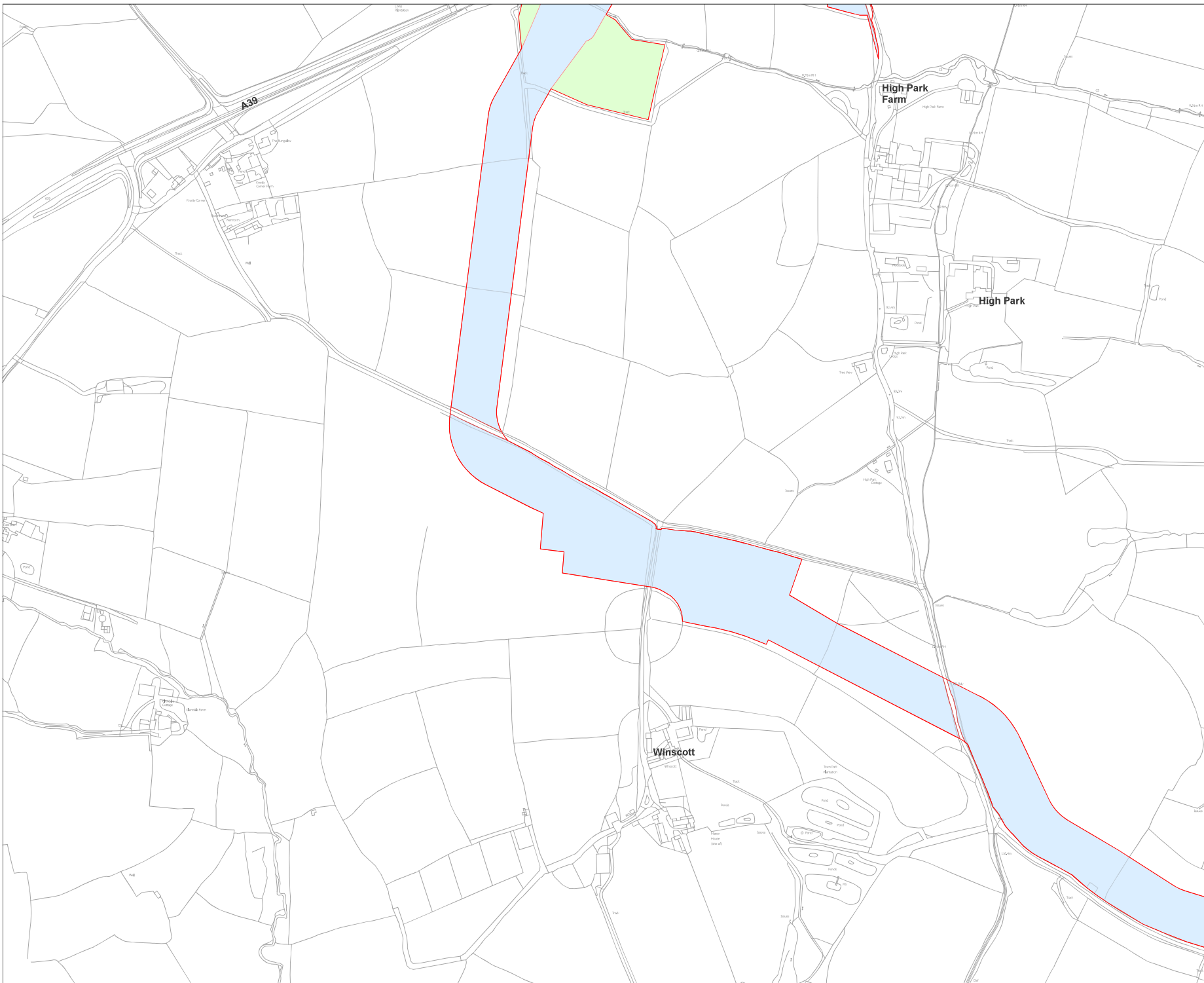
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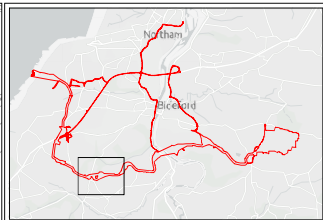
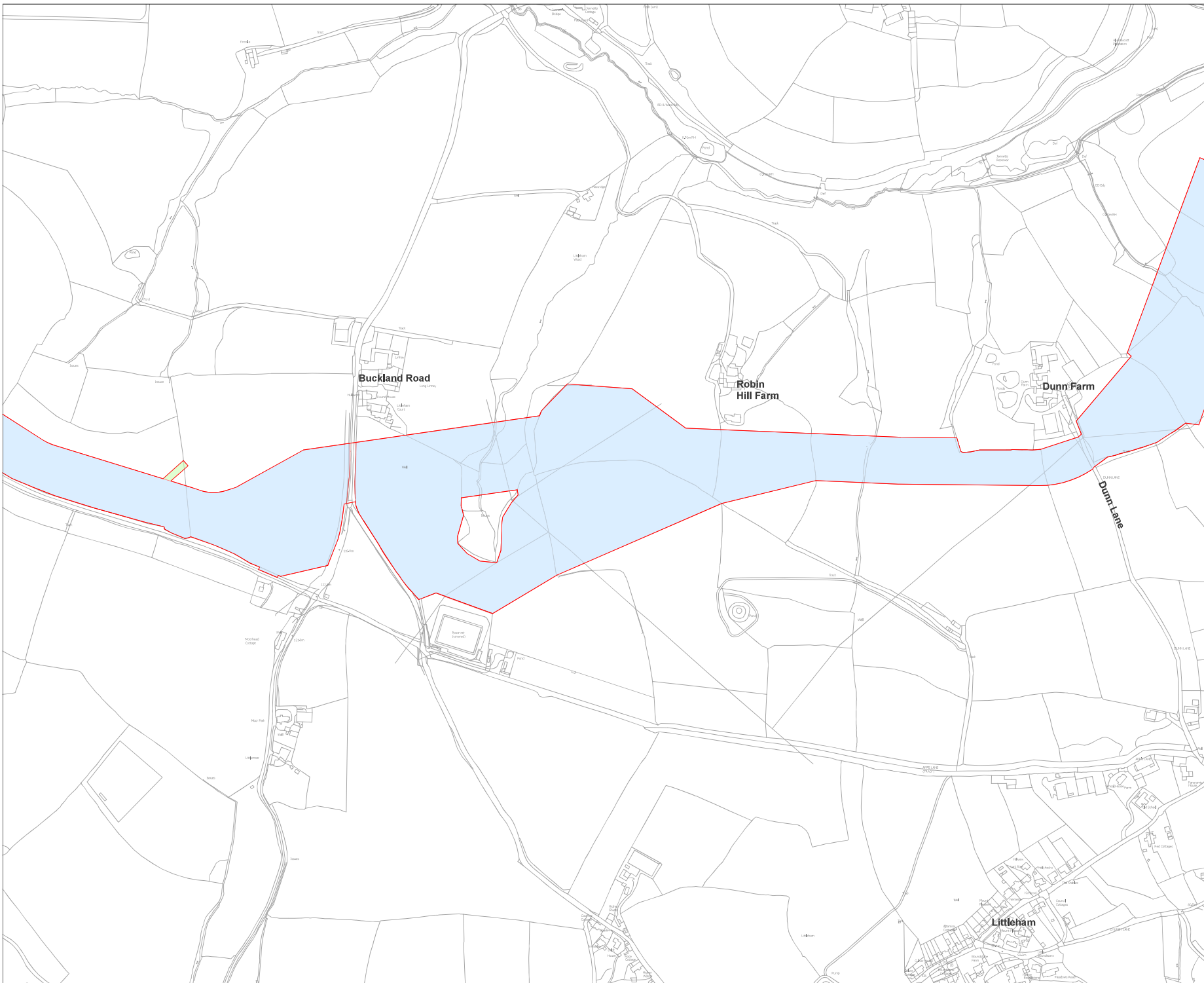
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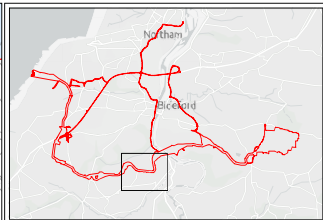
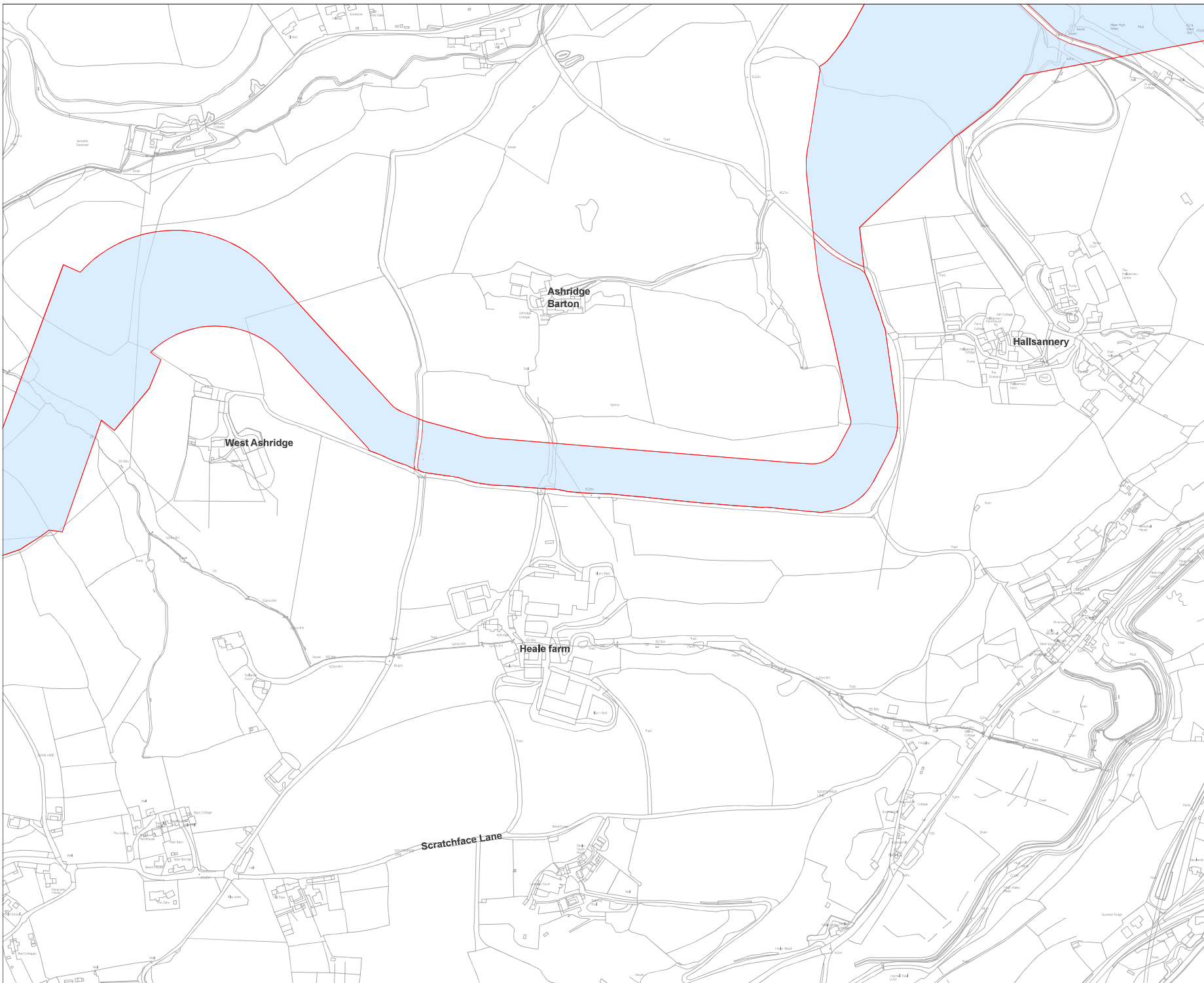
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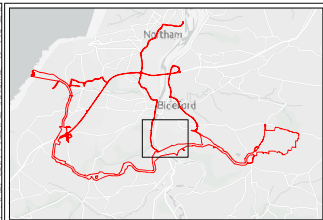
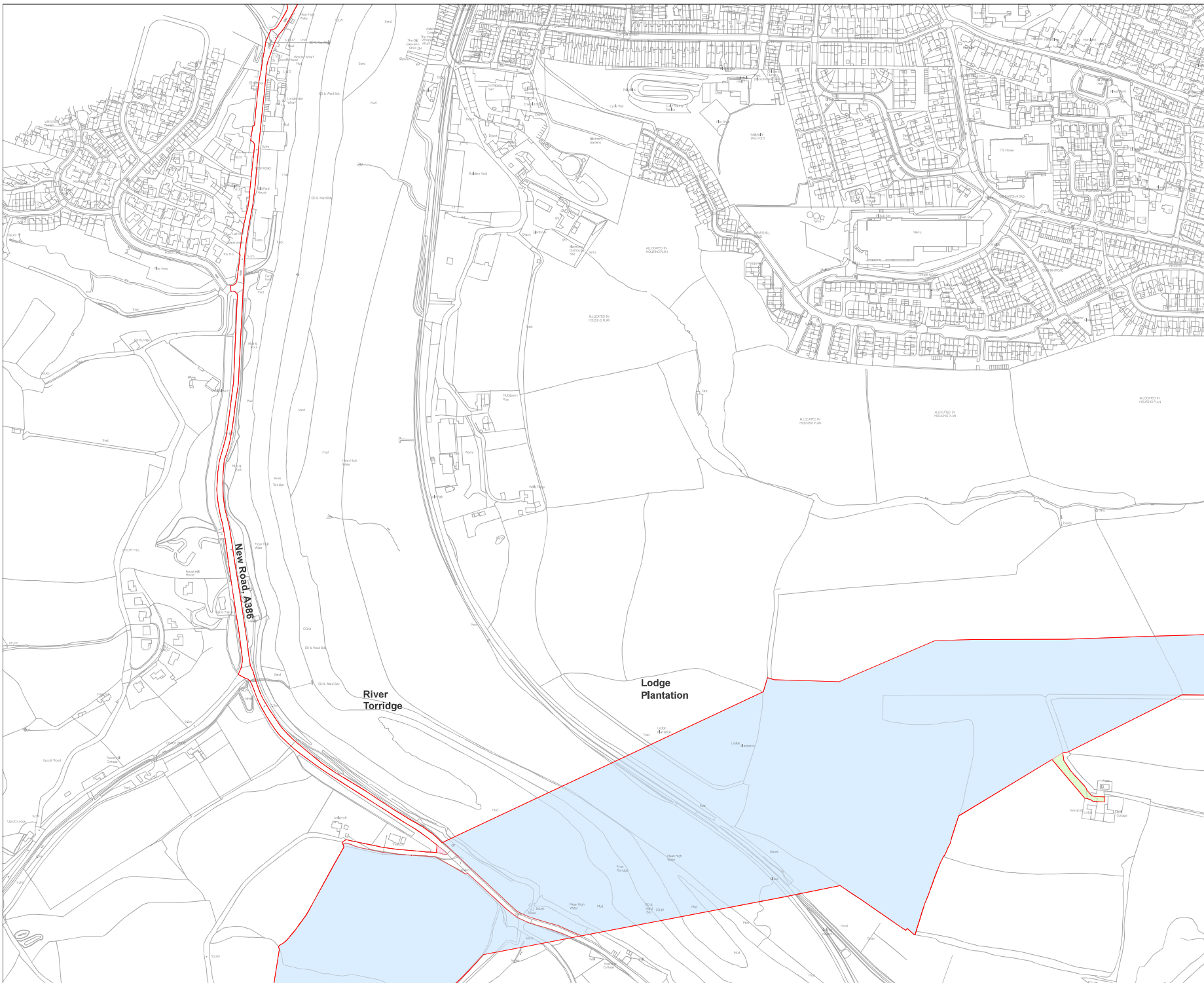
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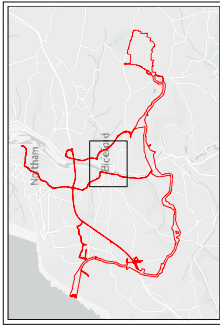
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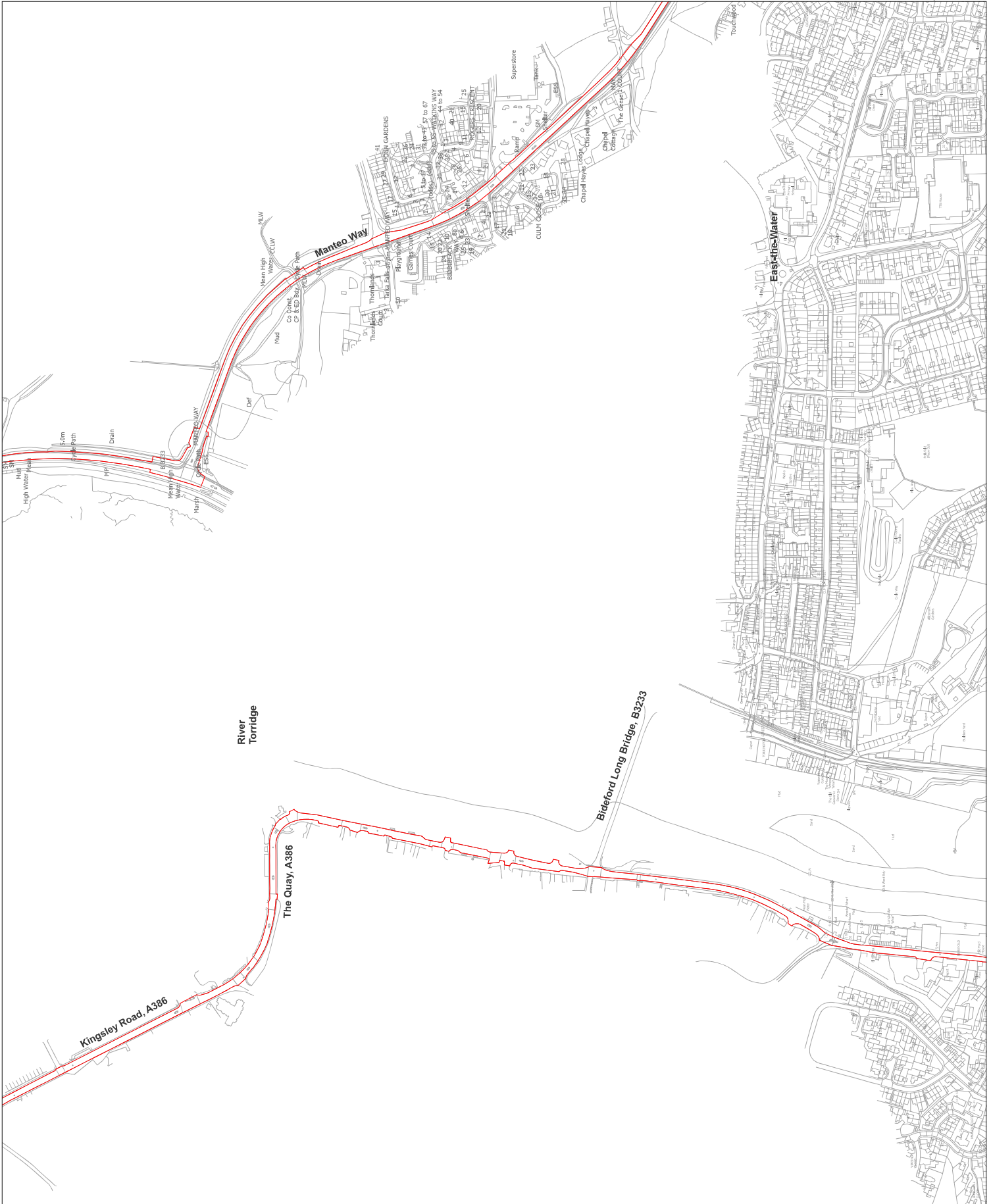
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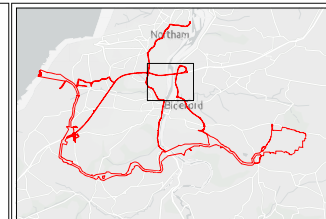

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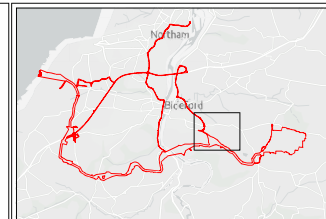
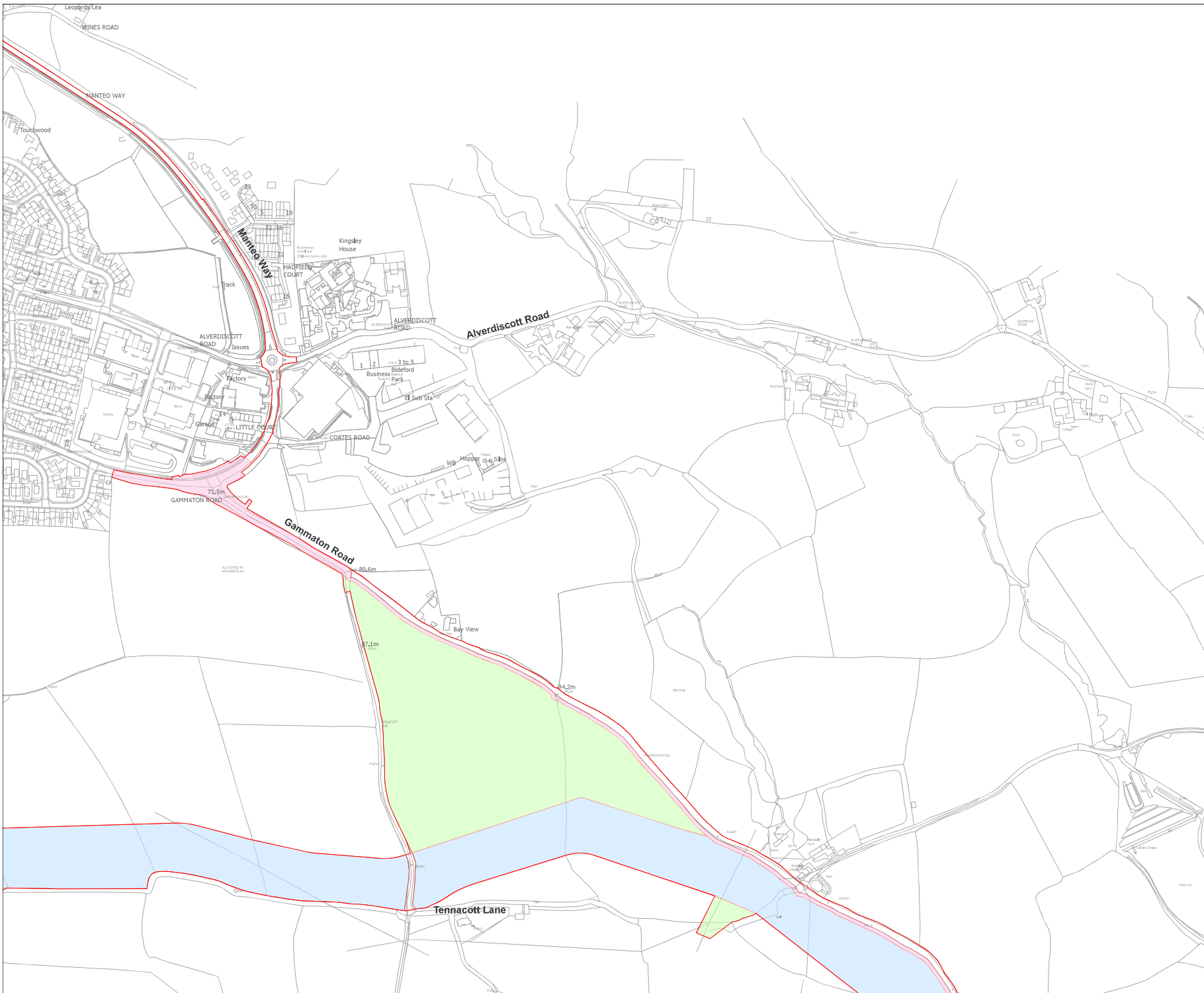
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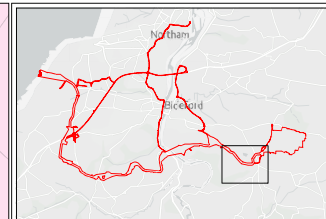
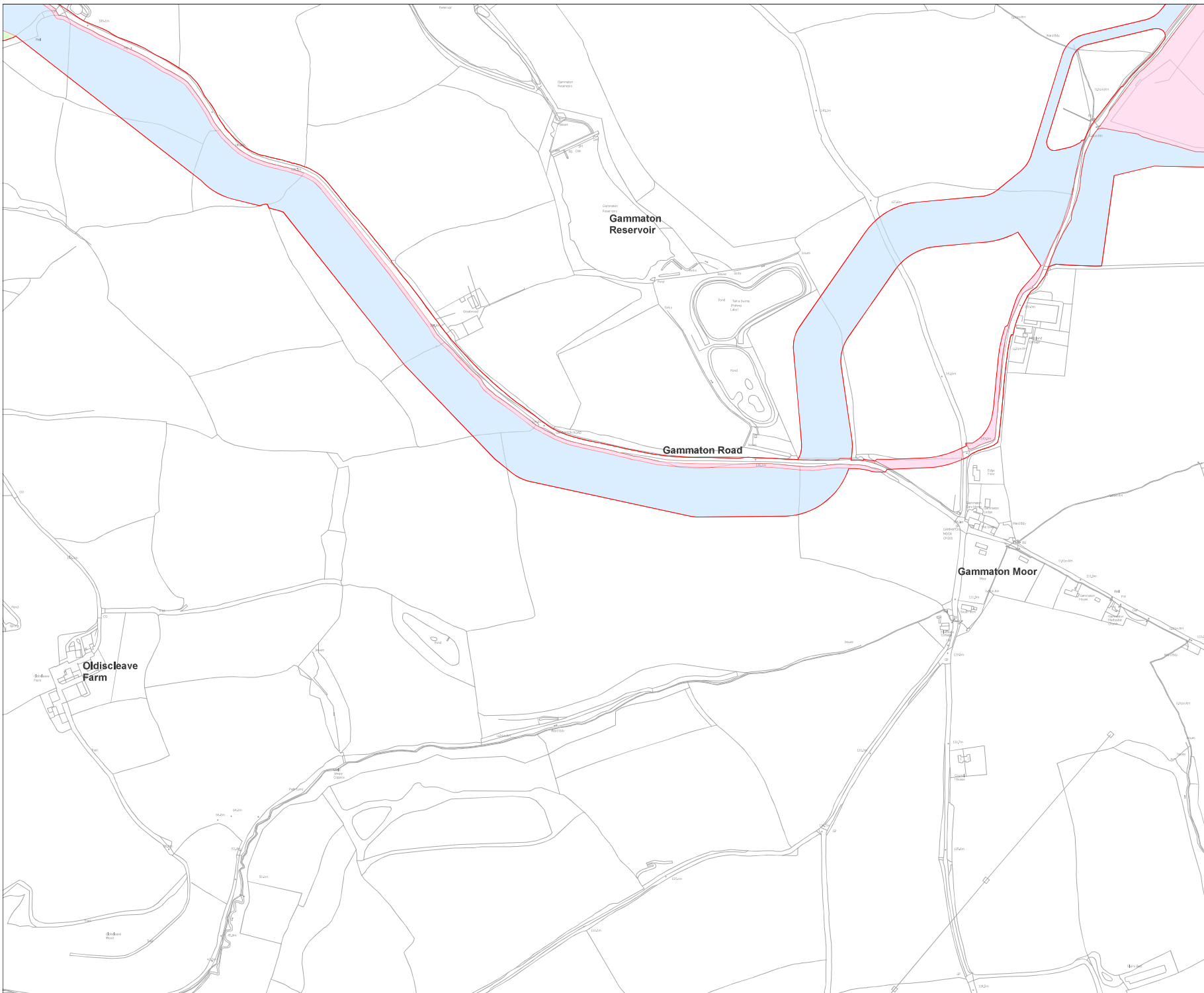
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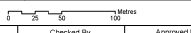
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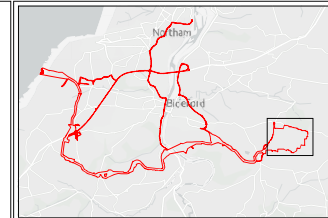
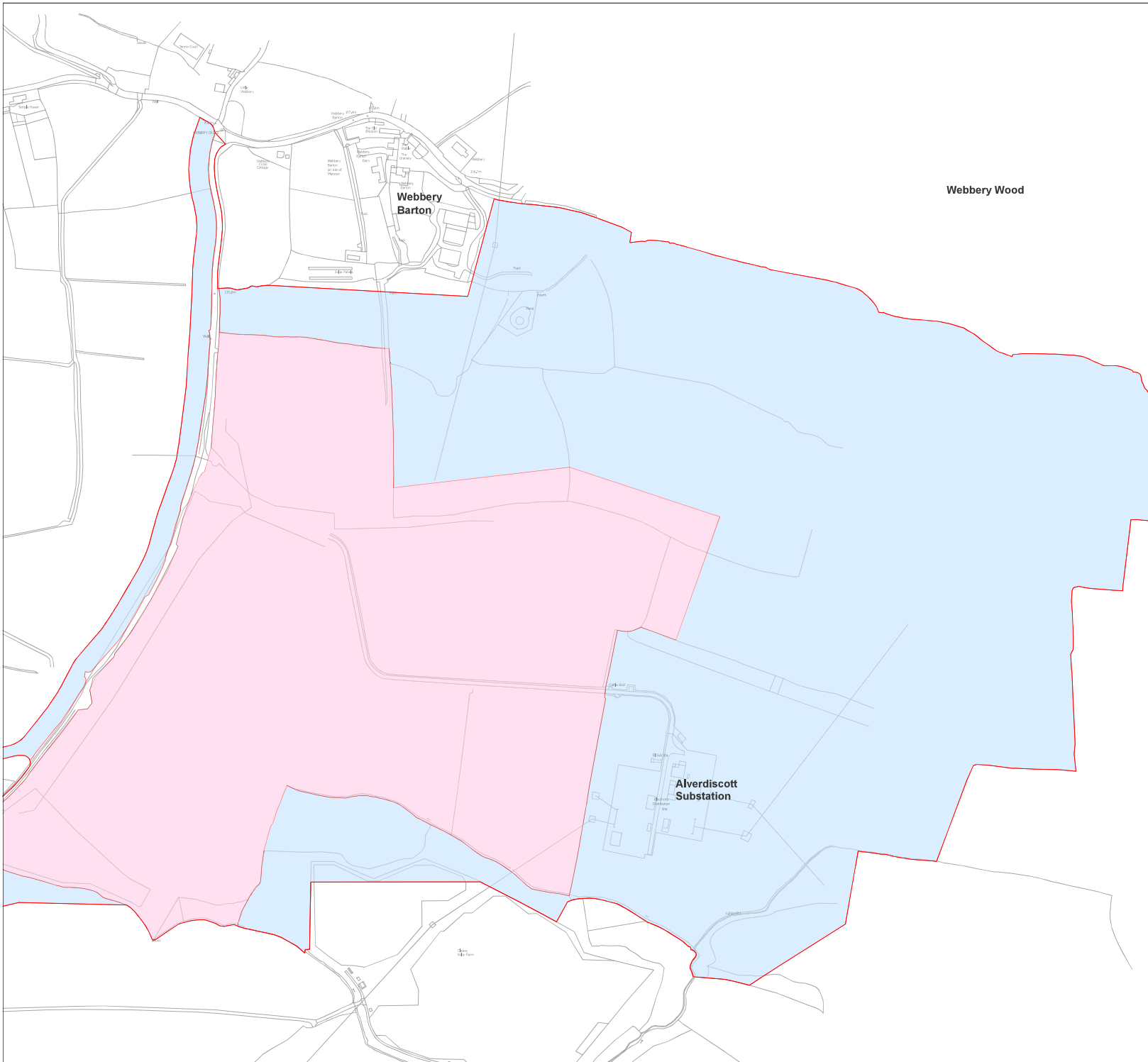
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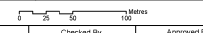
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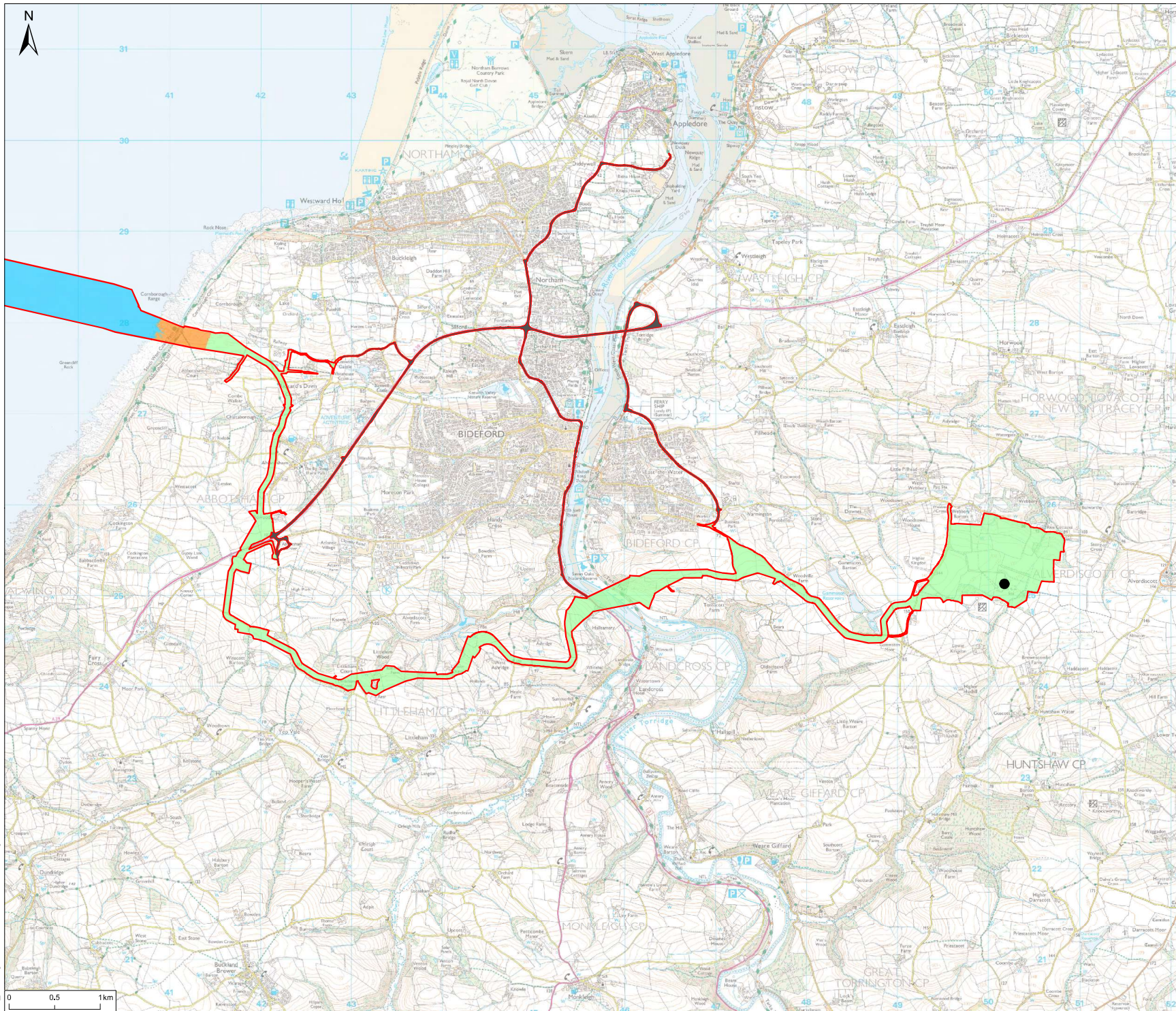
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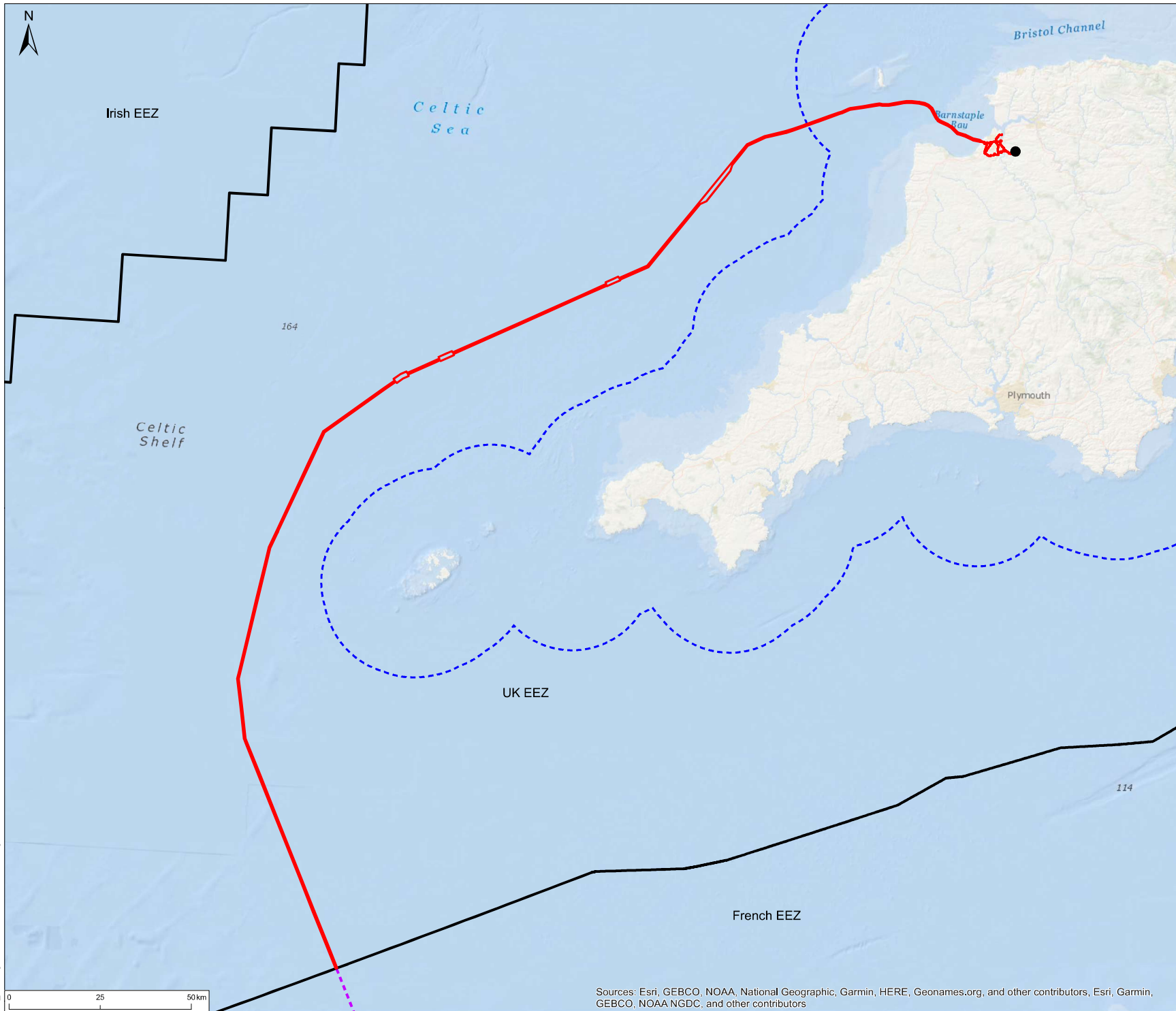


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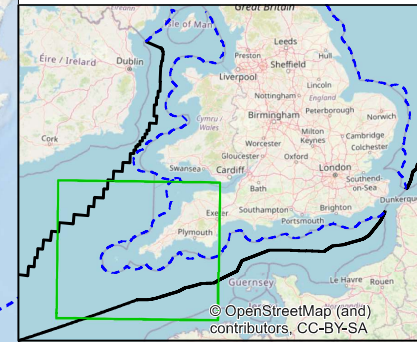
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 - - - UK 12nm Limit
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3 PUBLICITY TO EXTENSION OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION

3.1 Letter to consultees

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Name
Address
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31 May 2024

Dear [Insert recipient name],

Extension to statutory public consultation – there’s still time to share your views

We’re currently holding a statutory public consultation on our proposals for the UK elements of the Morocco-UK Power Project (the ‘Proposed Development’). We wanted to let you know that we are extending the period for responding to the consultation until **11.59pm on Thursday 11 July 2024**.

There has been a great turnout at our consultation events over the last two weeks, and we are grateful to everyone who came along and shared their views. If you weren’t able to attend, or have more questions, you can register for a webinar on Wednesday 5 June 2024 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm by getting in touch using the contact details in this letter.

You can also find out more by reading our consultation materials, including a consultation booklet which summarises the Proposed Development. Copies of the booklet are available online from www.xlinks.co/devon, at Northam Library and the Pollyfield Community Centre during normal opening hours, and by getting in touch with us using the details in this letter.

We have recently identified that Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics and Tourism was missing from the copy of the PEIR on our website and that Volume 4, Appendix 2.2: Landscape Character Baseline Technical Report and Volume 4, Appendix 2.3: Visual Baseline Technical Report were missing from the copy of the PEIR on our website and at Northam Library and Pollyfield Community Centre. We have now made these available to view online and at our deposit points. No other consultation documents or information has changed.

Taking into account this, and the recent news about the General Election, we have decided to extend our consultation period. You can now view our consultation documents and share your views with us until **11.59pm on Thursday 11 July 2024** using the online form at www.xlinks.co/devon, writing to Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL or calling 0800 038 3486. Please be assured that if you have already reviewed the documents and provided your feedback, this remains valid. Further feedback on the added documents is also welcomed.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on hello@xlinks.co or 0800 038 3486.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Hardy
Project Director

3.2 Poster

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Statutory public consultation

16 May 2024 - 11 July 2024

We are holding a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK elements of Xlinks' Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project'). We're extending the period when consultation materials will be available for review and to provide feedback on to 11 July 2024.

The aim of the consultation is to inform you of the latest updates to the development in Devon and also across the Project and to hear your feedback. We are keen for as many people as possible to get in touch and share their feedback during our consultation.

Find out more

Visit xlinks.co/devon

to view and download our consultation materials.

Pick up a copy of our consultation booklet and questionnaire

as well as reading a copy of our Preliminary Environmental Information Report, at the following locations*:

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Monday/Saturday: 10am - 1pm

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Pollyfield Community Centre

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Share your views

You can share your views on the Proposed Development by:

Completing an online questionnaire at:

xlinks.co/devon

Submitting your comments or completed questionnaire by email to: hello@xlinks.co

Submitting your questionnaire or comments by post (no stamp required) to

**Xlinks Morocco-UK
Power Project consultation
FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**

All responses must be received by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on 11 July 2024.

For further information, please contact us on:

Address: **Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation,
FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL**

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3.3 Publicity in print media

3.3.1 North Devon Gazette

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Section 48 - Planning Act 2008 (as amended)
Regulation 4, Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
Notice publicising a proposed application for a Development Consent Order
Extension of deadline for responses

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The Proposed Development could deliver 3.6 Gigawatts ("GW") of low carbon electricity to the UK's electricity grid and could improve the security and diversity of the UK's electricity supply. The Secretary of State recognised last year that elements of the Proposed Development are nationally significant and therefore directed under Section 35 of the Act that the Proposed Development should be treated as development for which development consent is required.

All onshore elements of the Proposed Development are located within the administrative area of Torridge District Council in the County of Devon. The offshore elements of the Proposed Development extend from Cornborough Range, also in Torridge, to the seaward limit of the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone ("EEZ").

The Proposed Development is split into three distinctive elements, as follows:

Onshore elements

- Two independent 1.8GW converter stations plus external equipment, landscaping and other ancillary buildings (the "Converter Site") to convert electricity from Direct Current ("DC") into Alternating Current ("AC") before transmission to the National Grid, located west of the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400 kilovolt ("kV") substation.
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Landfall site

- A landfall point at Cornborough Range on the Devon coast, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford, hosting two Transition Joint Bays to transition from offshore HVDC cables to onshore HVDC cables.

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- HVDC cables which would bring electricity from its generation to the landfall point, which are located within the UK EEZ in a corridor approximately 370km in length and between 500m and 1.5km wide. These would be in bundled pairs with 6 fibreoptic cables.

The Proposed Development will include other required works, such as temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites, ancillary works, temporary and permanent utility connections, permanent utility diversions, biodiversity net gain offsetting, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development.

The Application will seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in and rights over land, the overriding of easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development, and such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development, as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the Application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Proposed Development. The Applicant has made the information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Development in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") which forms part of the consultation documents.

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Copies may be made available in due course to the Secretary of State, PINS and other relevant statutory authorities so that feedback can be considered as part of the process. The Applicant will request that any personal details are not placed on public record and these will be held securely by the Applicant and its agents in accordance with the data protection law and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and subsequent application for the DCO and, except as noted above, will not be passed to third parties. Responses will form the basis of a Consultation Report that will be one of the factors taken into consideration by the Secretary of State when deciding whether the Application can be accepted for examination. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the Proposed Development, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.

3.3.2 Devon Live (North Devon Journal)

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Planning

Miln's Moor-to-BK Power Project
Section 48 - Planning Act 2008 (as amended)
Requirements - Interim Public Notice
Application: Pre-Info Ref No: 2024 Procedure: Interim Public Notice
Notice published in a previous application No: 3 Development Consent Order
Extent of condition for description:

Notice is hereby given that, under s 110 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act"), the Secretary of State ("the Secretary") is considering an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") (the "Application"). The Applicant intends to make the Application by the end of 2024. The Application is to authorise the construction and operation (which includes maintenance) of three elements of the Miln-to-BK Power Project (the "Project") which are located in the UK (the "Proposed Development").

The Proposed Development consists of three 3.0 GigaWatts ("GW") of on-land carbon capture at the UK's electricity grid and could improve the security and diversity of the UK's electricity supply. The Secretary of State recognised last year that elements of the Proposed Development are nationally important and therefore directed under Section 48 of the Act that the Proposed Development should be treated as development for which development consent is required.

All crucial elements of the Proposed Development are located within the administrative area of Torridge District Council in the County of Devon. The critical elements of the Proposed Development are located within the following areas:
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Other elements

- Two Interconnectors: 1. 600V converter station (at eastern) equipment, (landside) cable and the "Barnstaple" (at western) converter station from Devon Current ("DC") to Adamantia Current ("AC") before transmission to the National Grid, located west of the existing M32/A46/A3000 400kV (HVO) substation.
- 12 High Voltage Alternating Current ("HVAC") cables connecting the Converter Station to the National Grid, located at 400kV station, each approximately 1.2 Kilometres ("km") in length.
- A new 400kV substation to replace the existing National Grid Adamantia 400kV substation, to be sited within the existing substation.
- 4 High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") cables to link the converter station to a localised site at Cornborough Range, located at 400kV station with 6 HVDC cables in a corridor approximately 14.8km long and approximately 60 metres ("m") wide.

Landside site

- A landside site at Cornborough Range on the Devon coast, about 2.5km north of Westport 101 and 4km west of Bideford, located two Transition Job Bay's transition from offshore HVDC cables to onshore HVDC cables.

Offshore elements

- HVDC cables which would carry electricity from its generation to the landfall point, which are located within the UK EEZ in a corridor approximately 370km in length and between 500m and 1.9km wide. These would be banded pairs with 6 HVDC cables.

The Proposed Development will include other required works, such as temporary access roads, highway works, temporary water compounds, water sites, auxiliary works, temporary and permanent utility connections, permanent UMO operations, biodiversity net gain (BNG) objectives, and any other works considered necessary to enable the Proposed Development.

The Applicant will seek authorization for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in and rights over land, the overriding of easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, the application and discontinuance of legislation relating to the proposed development, and such auxiliary, incidental or consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and so convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development, as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the Application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Proposed Development. The Applicant has made the information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Development in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") which forms part of the consultation documents.

On Thursday 16 May 2024, the Applicant provided notification of the Application, which was a statutory public consultation on the Proposed Development, which started on Thursday 16 May 2024 and will close on Thursday 11 July 2024. On Thursday 27 June 2024, Materials Overview (the nature and location of the Proposed Development), including a consultation booklet, the PEIR, maps and plans, have been, and will continue to be, available from Thursday 16 May 2024 in the Document Library

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Probate & Trusts

CHRISTOPHER EDWIN FOWKES Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of 18 Manor Park, Sixtapestle, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 2DD, who died on 18/09/2023, must send written particulars to the address below by 14/08/2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests notified.

Sleigh Rodgers & Co Solicitors, 10 Cross Street, Barnstaple, EX31 1BA. Ref: SR260014Fowkes

Section 27 Elizabeth Anne Wild Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above-named deceased, late of 1 Park Street, Lynton, Devon, EX25 6BY, who died on 22nd May 2024 are required to send particulars thereof in writing to the personal representative of Mrs EA Wild (deceased) on or before 22nd July 2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests of which they have had notice.

HAROLD GEORGE LENTERN Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of 3 Langbridge Wharf, New Road, Bideford Devon, EX39 5AL, who died on 22/03/2024, must send written particulars to the address below by 14/08/2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests notified.

Peter Peter & Wright 8 Fore Street, Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6ED Ref: CJW/0445234AM

BRIAN WILLIAM ALLIN Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of Blackdown Farm, Torrington, Devon, EX39 7ET, who died on 20/12/2024, must send written particulars to the address below by 14/08/2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims and interests notified.

Seldons LLP, 18 The Quay, Bideford, EX39 2HF. Ref: FOW/2433

Other

BIDEFORD BRIDGE TRUST Grants for the year 2024

Applications from clubs and other organisations for Challenge Grants for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bideford and its immediate neighbourhood are invited. Application forms can be downloaded from the Trust's website: www.bidefordtrust.org.uk. The application should be submitted no later than the 31st July 2024. Applicants received after that date will be considered until 2025. Please note that we are unable to accept completed application forms by email. Please be advised that pursuant to the Charities Act 2011, as implemented on the 14th March 2012, no organisation may be regarded as charitable unless it is established for the public benefit.

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(ROAD PAST TAYLORS COTTAGE, HIGH BICKINGTON) INQ 21 02/2024

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

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(ROAD FROM LANE CROSS TO WESTCOTT COTTAGE, SUTCOMBE) ORDER 2024

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to make the above titled order. From 31/7/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 08/7/24. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected: ROAD FROM LANE CROSS TO WESTCOTT COTTAGE, SUTCOMBE. OUTSIDE VANSTONES GARDEN TO NEAR THE HOLLES. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - ROAD FROM LANE CROSS TO WESTCOTT COTTAGE - ROAD FROM CLEVERDON CROSS TO LANE CROSS - ROAD FROM LEYLAND CROSS TO CLEVERDON CROSS - ROAD FROM LITTLEFORD CROSS TO LEYLAND CROSS - ROAD FROM THE SQUARE TO LITTLEFORD CROSS - THE SQUARE - ROAD FROM THREE LANE END TO BROADWORTHY SQUARE - ROAD FROM THREE LANE END TO HORSE HILL CROSS - ROAD FROM HORSE HILL CROSS TO SILWORTHY CROSS - ROAD FROM SILWORTHY CROSS TO PARSONAGE CROSS - ROAD FROM PARSONAGE CROSS TO KISMELDON CROSS - ROAD FROM POWERS PIECE CROSS TO KISMELDON CROSS - ROAD FROM POWERS PIECE CROSS TO WRANGWORTHY CROSS - ROAD FROM WRANGWORTHY CROSS TO COLLINGSDOWN CROSS - ROAD FROM COLLINGSDOWN CROSS TO NATTIMOO CROSS - ROAD FROM NATTIMOO CROSS TO THORNEMOOR CROSS - ROAD FROM THORNEMOOR CROSS TO OLD METHODIST CHAPEL - ROAD FROM THE OLD UNION HWY TO NEWTON ST PETEROCK CROSS - ROAD FROM DOWNMOOR CROSS TO NEWTON ST PETEROCK CROSS - ROAD FROM LANE END COITAGE TO DOWNMOOR CROSS - ROAD FROM WHITEBEAR CROSS TO LANE END COITAGE - ROAD FROM SHOP CROSS TO WHITEBEAR CROSS - ROAD FROM WORDEN CROSS TO SHOP CROSS - ROAD FROM TALL TREES TO WORDEN CROSS - ROAD FROM HEDDON CROSS TO TALL TREES - ROAD FROM HEDDON CROSS TO CHAPMANS GREEN - ROAD FROM HOLSORTHY BEACON TO CHAPMANS GREEN - ROAD FROM CURTIS CROSS TO HOLSORTHY BEACON - ROAD FROM THURBOROUGH CROSS TO CURTIS CROSS - ROAD FROM SUTCOMBEMILL CROSS TO THURBOROUGH CROSS - ROAD FROM SUTCOMBEMILL CROSS TO WESTCOTT COTTAGE - ROAD FROM LANE CROSS TO WESTCOTT COTTAGE & VICE VERSA. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable PROVIDE NEW WATER SERVICE - 2.8M TARI ROAD. For additional information contact: KIER ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST WATER. Telephone: 01726 224400. Dated: 10/5/24. Ref: TRT02457001

(NORTH ROAD, BARNSTAPLE) ORDER 2024

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NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to make the above titled order. From 8/7/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 14/10/24. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on the sections of Affected Roads where temporary traffic signing is in place. Roads affected: NORTH ROAD, BARNSTAPLE. FROM THE JUNCTION OF PLTON STREET TO THE JUNCTION OF ROBOROUGH ROAD. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable GAS MAINS REPLACEMENT WORKS. For additional information contact: WALES & WEST UTILITIES. Telephone: 0800 0322099. Dated: 11/6/24. Ref: TRT02456874

(LOWER MEDDON STREET, BIDEFORD) ORDER 2024

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to make the above titled order. From 15/7/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 19/7/24. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected: LOWER MEDDON STREET, BIDEFORD. Q6, TANTONS HOTEL, Q6 NUMBER 1. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - LOWER MEDDON STREET, TORRIDGE HILL, NEW ROAD, LOWER MEDDON STREET. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable SUPPLY NEW WATER SOURCE - 1.2M TARI RD. For additional information contact: KIER ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST WATER. Telephone: 01726 224400. Dated: 22/4/24. Ref: TRT02456848

(CLOVELLY ROAD, BIDEFORD) ORDER 2024

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC & PARKING

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council has made the above titled order. From 17/6/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 28/5/24. Between the hours of 21:00 & 06:00. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed or wait on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected: CLOVELLY ROAD, BIDEFORD. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - CLOVELLY ROAD FROM POINT OF CLOSURE, BIDEFORD BYPASS, A39 ATLANTIC HIGHWAY, BIDEFORD BYPASS, HESWYD ROAD, KINGSLEY ROAD, THE QUAY, NEW ROAD, TORRIDGE HILL, MEDDON STREET, CLOVELLY ROAD UP TO THE POINT OF CLOSURE, VICE VERSA. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE COUNTY OF DEVON (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION)

ACCESS TO UNDERGROUND BI BOXES For additional information contact: SUNBEIT RENTALS. Telephone: 03700 500792. Date: 10/6/24. Ref: TRT02456308

(ROAD FROM IRON LETTERS CROSS TO WIDMOUTH HILL, IFRACOMBE) ORDER 2024

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to make the above titled order. From 16/7/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 22/7/24. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected: ROAD FROM IRON LETTERS CROSS TO WIDMOUTH HILL, IFRACOMBE. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - ROAD FROM IRON LETTERS CROSS TO WIDMOUTH HILL, OLD BRONHARBOR ROAD, NEW BARNSTAPLE ROAD, ROAD FROM TWO POTS TO IRON LETTERS CROSS, ROAD FROM IRON LETTERS CROSS TO WIDMOUTH HILL. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable PROVIDE NEW WATER SERVICE - 2.8M TARI ROAD. For additional information contact: KIER ON BEHALF OF SOUTH WEST WATER. Telephone: 01726 224400. Dated: 18/5/24. Ref: TRT02456940

(HEANTON HILL LANE, CHVENOR) ORDER 2024

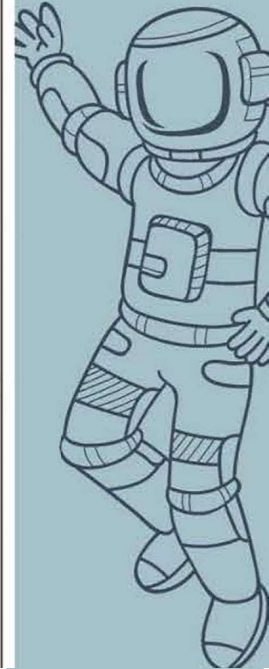
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NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to make the above titled order. From 29/7/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 13/8/24. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected: HEANTON HILL LANE, CHVENOR. A361 JUNCTION - HEANTON HILL ROAD. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - A361, WRATFORD ROAD, HEANTON HILL ROAD. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable ROAD CLOSURE FOR RISING MAIN WORKS GOING FROM NEW SITE UP HEANTON HILL & CONNECTING INTO MANHOLE. For additional information contact: HARRIS & HARRIS CONSTRUCTION LTD. Telephone: 01276 431658. Dated: 23/5/24. Ref: TRT02457524

(ROAD FROM HEWTON CROSS TOWARDS ALVERDISCOTT, NEWTON TRACEY) (NO. 2) ORDER 2024

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC

NOTICE is hereby given that Devon County Council intends to make the above titled order. From 17/7/24 for a maximum of 18 months. Anticipated Finish 26/7/24. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected: ROAD FROM HEWTON CROSS TOWARDS ALVERDISCOTT, NEWTON TRACEY. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - BATHROCK HILL, B3232, ALVERDISCOTT, GREAT TORRINGTON, B3227, HIGH BULLEN - ATHERINGTON A377, BISHOPS TAWTON JUNCTION A361, A38, ROUNDWELL, R/A B3232, NEWTON CROSS & VICE VERSA. This temporary restriction is considered necessary to enable DRAINAGE. For additional information contact: NIE ESTONE INFRASTRUCTURE. Telephone: 07970 007762. Dated: 30/5/24. Ref: TRT02457768



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XLINKS' MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT | SECTION 48 - PLANNING ACT 2008 (AS AMENDED) | REGULATION 4, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS; PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009 | NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT OR DER | EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

Notice is hereby given that Xlinks 1 Ltd of Kingsfisher House, Woodbrook Crescent, Billericay, Essex, United Kingdom, CM12 0EQ ("the Applicant") intends to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "Secretary of State") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the "Act") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") (the "Application"). The Applicant intends to make the Application by the end of 2024. The Application is to authorise the construction and operation (which includes maintenance) of those elements of the Morocco-UK Power Project (the "Project") which are located in the UK (the "Proposed Development").

The Proposed Development could deliver 3.6 Gigawatts ("GW") of low carbon electricity to the UK's electricity grid and could improve the security and diversity of the UK's electricity supply. The Secretary of State recognised last year that elements of the Proposed Development are nationally significant and therefore directed under Section 35 of the Act that the Proposed Development should be treated as development for which development consent is required.

All onshore elements of the Proposed Development are located within the administrative area of Torridge District Council in the County of Devon. The offshore elements of the Proposed Development extend from Cornborough Range, also in Torridge, to the seaward limit of the UK's Exclusive Economic Zone ("EEZ").

The Proposed Development is split into three distinctive elements, as follows:

Onshore elements

- Two independent 1.8GW converter stations plus external equipment, landscaping and other ancillary buildings (the "Converter Site") to convert electricity from Direct Current ("DC") into Alternating Current ("AC") before transmission to the National Grid, located west of the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400 kilovolt ("kV") substation.
- 12 High Voltage Alternating Current ("HVAC") cables connecting the Converter Site into the National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation, each approximately 1.2 kilometres ("km") in length.
- A new 400kV substation to replace the existing National Grid Alverdiscott 400kV substation, to the immediate east of the existing substation.
- 4 High Voltage Direct Current ("HVDC") cables to link the onshore converter stations to a landfall site at Cornborough Range, buried in bundled pairs with 6 fibreoptic cables in a corridor approximately 14.5km long and approximately 65 metres ("m") wide.

Landfall site

- A landfall point at Cornborough Range on the Devon coast, about 2.5km south of Westward Ho! and 4km west of Bideford, hosting two Transition Joint Bays to transition from offshore HVDC cables to onshore HVDC cables.

Offshore elements

- HVDC cables which would bring electricity from its generation to the landfall point, which are located within the UK EEZ in a corridor approximately 370km in length and between 500m and 1.5km wide. These would be in bundled pairs with 6 fibreoptic cables.

The Proposed Development will include other required works, such as temporary access roads, highway works, temporary works compounds, work sites, ancillary works,

temporary and permanent utility connections, permanent utility diversions, biodiversity gain offsetting, and any other works identified as necessary to enable the Proposed Development.

The Application will seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of land and interests in and rights over land, the overriding of easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to the Proposed Development, and such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licences, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Proposed Development is an Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") development, as defined by The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. An Environmental Statement will therefore be submitted as part of the Application, which will contain information about the environmental effects of the Proposed Development. The Applicant has made the information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Development in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") which forms part of the consultation documents.

On Thursday 23 May 2024, the Applicant provided notification of the Application, as well as a statutory public consultation on the Proposed Development which started on Thursday 16 May 2024 and was due to continue until 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 2024. Materials showing the nature and location of the Proposed Development, including a consultation booklet, the PEIR, maps and plans, have been, and will continue to be, available from Thursday 16 May 2024 in the Document Library on the Applicant's website at www.xlinks.co/devon and at the places in the vicinity of the Proposed Development set out below:

Venue	Opening Hours*
Northam Library, Fore St, Northam, Bideford EX39 1AW	Monday/Saturday: 10am - 1pm Wednesday/Friday: 10am - 5pm Tuesday/Thursday/Sunday: CLOSED
Pollyfield Community Centre, Avenel Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL	9:30am - 11pm Monday to Sunday

*Please check opening hours with the venue before attending. The Applicant has become aware that Volume 4, Chapter 3: Socio-economics and Tourism was missing from the copy of the PEIR in the Document Library at www.xlinks.co/devon and that Volume 4, Appendix 2.2: Landscape Character Baseline Technical Report and Volume 4, Appendix 2.3: Visual Baseline Technical Report were missing from copies of the PEIR in the Document Library at www.xlinks.co/devon and at the physical locations set out above.

From Friday 24 May 2024, the Applicant made these documents available from the Document Library at www.xlinks.co/devon and at the physical locations set out above. All other consultation documents published at the start of the consultation remain valid and there have been no further updates. The Applicant is also extending the date until which consultation documents will be available and also the deadline for responses until 11:59pm on Thursday 11 July 2024.

Copies of consultation documents on USRs, as well as hard copies of a consultation booklet and consultation questionnaire, will continue to be made available free of charge on request. Given the size of the document, requests for hard copies of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing costs a reasonable charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient, up to a maximum of £750 for the whole suite. To request these materials in hard copy or an alternative format, please get in touch with us using the contact information in this notice. All consultation materials

will remain available at the locations set out in this notice until Thursday 11 July 2024.

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested during the consultation period from the Applicant using the e-mail address, postal address or Freephone number provided below:

- By post: Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL
- Online: www.xlinks.co/devon
- By email: hello@xlinks.co
- By phone: 0800 038 3486

Any enquiries relating to the consultation materials, documents, plans and maps can be made to the Applicant using the telephone number listed above.

All other consultation arrangements and information remain unchanged from those previously notified and can be viewed in full at www.xlinks.co/devon.

How to respond to consultation

Any person may comment on the proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received between Thursday 16 May 2024 and 11:59pm on Thursday 11 July 2024. A consultation questionnaire is available as part of the consultation, and the consultation website will also allow the submission of electronic consultation responses. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the Proposed Development. Please supply any response to:

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We're currently carrying out ground investigations to inform our detailed plans for onshore cables in Devon. Part of the survey includes drilling two boreholes in the River Torridge just downstream from the Iron Bridge.

We expect to do this between Monday, 9 September 2024 and Monday, 23 September 2024 using a floating pontoon with the borehole equipment on board.... [See more](#)



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We invite you to have your say and respond to our statutory consultation by Thursday, 11 July.

There has been a great turnout at our consultation events over the last few weeks. We're grateful to everyone who came along and shared their views.

If you haven't already, there's still time to share your feedback on our plans – we have extended the deadline for responses to Thursday 11 July, so there's still plenty of time to have your say.

To view our consultation materials and respond to the consultation, please visit





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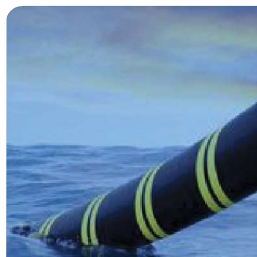
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We will shortly be launching a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK elements of the Morocco-UK Power Project.

We are keen for as many people as possible to get in touch and share their feedback during the consultation, which is running between Thursday, 16 May 2024 to 11.59pm on Thursday, 27 June 2024.

For more information on how you can get involved, including the times and dates of our public consultations and webinars, please visit www.xlinks.co/devon

