

# **XLINKS' MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT**

## **Consultation Report**

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## XLINKS' MOROCCO – UK POWER PROJECT

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# 1 NOTICES PUBLISHED UNDER SECTION 48 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008

## 1.1 Text of the notice

### 1.1.1 Text of notice as originally published

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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  
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## **1.1.2 Text of notice as re-inserted following extension to the consultation period**

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Extension of deadline for responses  
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On Thursday 16 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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon) and at the places in the vicinity of the Proposed Development set out below:

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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**.

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## 1.2 London Gazette

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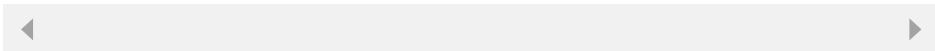
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#### EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES

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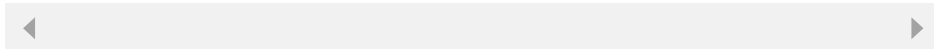
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On Thursday 16 May 2024, the Applicant provided notification of the Application, as well as a statutory public consultation on the Proposed Development which started on Thursday 16 May 2024 and was due to continue until 11:59pm on Thursday 27 June 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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon) and at the places in the vicinity of the Proposed Development set out below:

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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](http://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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon) and at the physical locations set out above.

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Copies of consultation documents on USBs, 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.

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**All other consultation arrangements and information remain unchanged from those previously notified and can be viewed in full at [www.xlinks.co/devon](http://www.xlinks.co/devon).**

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## 1.3 The Guardian (National newspaper)

### 1.3.1 16 May 2024

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# The Guardian

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## Slovakian leader 'fighting for his life' after assassination attempt

Fears for democracy after veteran populist Fico gunned down

Ashifa Kassam

Slovakia's populist prime minister, Robert Fico, was being treated for life-threatening injuries last night after an assassination attempt that sparked warnings across Europe of a rise in

political violence. Video footage appeared to show the moment five shots were fired at Fico, 59, as he shook hands with a supporters in the town of Handlová, about 90 miles north-east of the capital, Bratislava.

Slovakia's defence minister, Robert Kaliňák, said Fico was in an "extraordinarily serious" condition despite three and half hours of surgery. Medical workers in the city of Banská Bystrica were "fighting for the life" of Fico, who had suffered "serious polytrauma after several shots".

The country's interior minister,

Matúš Šutaj-Eštok, told reporters: "We suspect the attacker had political motivation."

A suspect was in custody, the country's president, Zuzana Čaputová, said earlier in a televised statement.

Local media identified the alleged gunman as Juraj C, a 71-year-old writer and poet from Levice, south-central Slovakia, who had spoken of his desire to form a political movement on YouTube.

The son of the alleged shooter told news outlet Aktuality.sk that his father was the legal holder of a

gun licence. "I have absolutely no idea what my father intended, what he planned, what happened," he was quoted as saying.

A video posted online appeared to show the alleged shooter in detention saying that he did not agree with the government's policies, particularly what he described as the "liquidation" of the media.

Fico, a veteran politician, returned to power in Slovakia after elections last year, fuelled in part by promises to halt military aid to Ukraine, criticisms of sanctions targeting Russia and

campaigns against LGBTQ+ rights. The first months of his return have proved tense and polarising, with thousands repeatedly taking to streets across the country to protest against government plans, including a media overhaul that critics have warned will imperil press freedom.

The shooting comes three weeks before European Parliament elections, with polls suggesting populist and hard-right parties in the 27-nation bloc are poised to make gains.

European Commission sources said the attack

## Revealed Women accuse magician David Copperfield of sexual misconduct

Exclusive

Lucy Osborne  
Stephanie Kirchgaessner

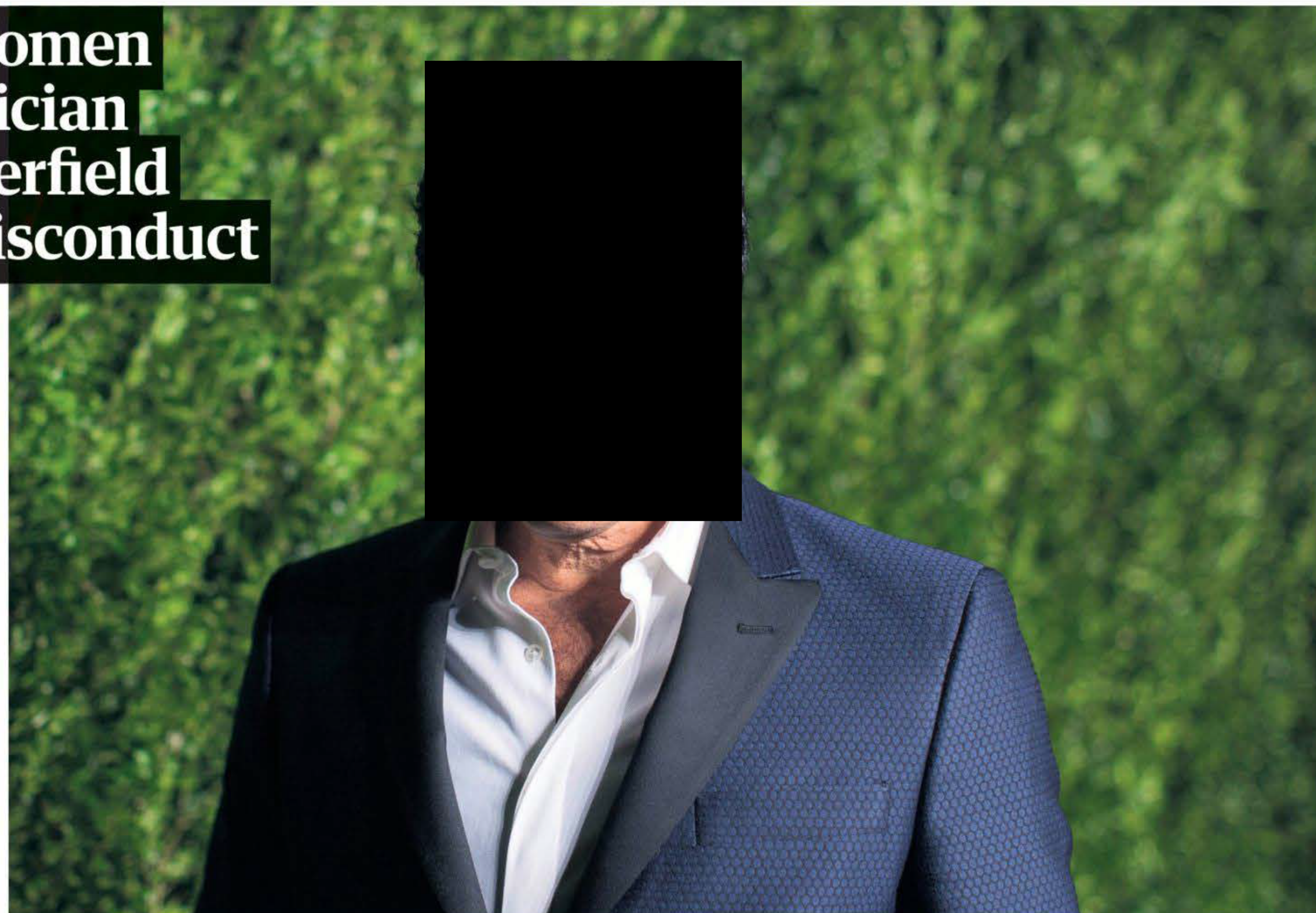
The celebrated US magician David Copperfield has been accused by 16 women of engaging in sexual misconduct and inappropriate behaviour, according to a Guardian investigation.

More than half of the allegations are from women who said they were under 18 at the time of the incidents. Some said they were as young as 15, although he may not have known their ages. The allegations against him include claims that he drugged three women before he had sexual relations with them, which they felt they were unable to consent to.

The claims against the illusionist - which he has denied - span from the late 1980s to 2014. The Guardian is examining these allegations as part of a series of stories drawing on interviews with more than 100 people and court and police records.

The women who have

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▲ David Copperfield, 67, denies the claims, which span from the late 1980s to 2014 PHOTOGRAPH: CLINT SPAULDING/WWD/PENSKE MEDIA/GETTY



## **1.3.2 5 June 2024**

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# Leaders clash on migration, tax and NHS in ill-tempered debate

## Starmer and Sunak also trade blows on cost of living and UK security

**Eleni Courea**  
Political correspondent

Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer tore into each other's election promises on tax and immigration in a fiery first TV debate of the campaign.

The party leaders exchanged barbs in an ill-tempered session before an ITV studio audience in Salford, where Starmer accused Sunak of being "the most liberal prime minister we've ever had on immigration" and pledged to keep the UK in the European convention of human rights.

The Labour leader hammered the Conservative record after 14 years in government and accused Sunak of failing to take personal responsibility for his failures, including the cost of living and NHS waiting times.

Sunak sought to present Starmer as an unreliable politician who was pursuing power for power's sake. He claimed repeatedly that Labour's policies would lead to a £2,000 tax rise for families, an attack the Conservatives are planning to deploy repeatedly over this campaign.

"Labour will raise your taxes. It's in their DNA. Your work, your car, your pension – Labour will tax it," the prime minister said. In response Starmer said



▲ Keir Starmer and Rishi Sunak faced off in an intense one-hour debate during their first head-to-head of the general election campaign. PHOTOGRAPH: GUNSAK/GETTY

# Modi set to lose majority in Indian election shock

**Hannah Ellis-Petersen**  
Delhi

Narendra Modi's ruling Bharatiya Janata party looks likely to lose its parliamentary majority, dealing an unexpected blow to the prime minister and forcing him to negotiate with

coalition partners in order to return to power.

Although not all votes had been counted, by last night it was clear that the predicted BJP landslide would not materialise and instead there had been a pushback against the prime minister and his Hindu nationalist politics in swathes of the country.

The party appeared to have lost more than 60 seats, bringing its total to about 240, below the 272 required for a parliamentary majority.

It is the first time since Modi was elected in 2014 that the BJP has not won a majority on its own. Nonetheless, together with its political allies, known as the national democratic alliance (NDA), its win amounts to about 292 seats, which is enough to form a majority government to rule for the next five years and return Modi to office for a third term.

Meanwhile, the opposition alliance, which goes by the initials

INDIA, far outperformed expectations, collectively winning more than 230 seats. The alliance, formed of more than 20 national and regional opposition parties, had come together for the first time in this election with the aim of defeating Modi. Despite the tight race, Modi insisted he had been given a mandate to lead again. Declaring himself "very, very happy today" in an address to voters at the BJP headquarters in Delhi, Modi said: "I would like to bow down before the people of the country. Today is an emotional moment for me

## Djokovic out Defending French Open champion withdraws with knee injury

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## **1.4 Fishing News**

### **1.4.1 23 May 2024**

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## SANDEEL TCA ROW ESCALATES

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## Nationwide services for Fishing Remembrance Day



▲ Fisheries minister Mark Spencer, The Seafarers' Charity's chief executive Deborah Layde, and Mission CEO Marc Evans were among those in attendance at Grimsby for one of a number of services on 12 May as part of the inaugural National Fishing Remembrance Day.

**S**ERVICES OF remembrance have taken place across the United Kingdom as part of the inaugural National Fishing Remembrance Day.

The new annual event aims to honour those who have lost their lives whilst working in the industry, as well as serving as a poignant reminder of the dangers faced by fishermen and the need to continue to improve safety standards in the sector.

The inaugural event, led by The Seafarers' Charity, the Fishermen's Mission and Stella Maris, took place on Sunday, 12 May, and saw services held across the UK and the Channel Islands.

In Grimsby, fisheries minister Mark Spencer, The Seafarers' Charity's chief executive Deborah Layde, Mission CEO Marc Evans, Seafish CEO Marcus Coleman and Stella Maris trustee John

Hood joined members of the local fishing community for a service at St James' Square.

The minister, who laid a wreath at the event, said: "I have huge respect for our fishermen. It's tough, dangerous work carried out in challenging conditions. Today I was humbled to join families and the fishing community of Grimsby for the first National Fishing Remembrance Day."

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## Áine afloat



▲ Áine ME 15 shortly after her launch at Johnshaven last week.

**O**ne of the stars of the Scottish Skipper Expo, which this year saw seven boats on display, was transported straight from the Aberdeen exhibition hall to the nearby fishing village of Johnshaven, where it was launched the following day (Saturday, 11 May).

Built in Shetland by Tommy Poleson for Johnshaven skipper Jason McBay, the 7m all-aluminium boat is equipped both for creeling and mackerel jigging, with two stern jiggers.

Named Áine after Jason McBay's young daughter – who

visited her namesake at the expo – the vessel is the first new build to be launched in the port for 15 years. It will support the family-owned business The Lobster Shop, opened by the McBay family in 2020 after over 70 years in the fishing business.

Full details of Áine, and the other vessels on show at the expo, will be featured in next week's issue.



## FISHING NEWS AWARDS 2024

All of this year's winners – plus highlights from the awards evening

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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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon)
- Contacting the Applicant directly with questions using the details in this notice

Location	Opening Times
Monday 20 May, 4pm-8pm	Abbotsham Village Hall, Abbotsham, Bideford EX39 5AP
Tuesday 21 May, 4pm-8pm	Alverdiscott Village Hall, Stoney Cross, Bideford EX39 4PZ
Wednesday 22 May, 12:30pm-4:30pm	Offshore stakeholder event - Caddsdown Business Centre, Caddsdown Industrial Park, Covelley Rd, Bideford EX39 3BE
Wednesday 29 May, 6pm-7:30pm	Webinar - please visit <a href="http://www.xlinks.co/devon">www.xlinks.co/devon</a> to register
Friday 31 May, 1pm-5pm	Pollyfield Community Centre, Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL
Saturday 1 June, 11am-3pm	Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, EX38 7HH
Wednesday 5 June, 6pm-7:30pm	Webinar - please visit <a href="http://www.xlinks.co/devon">www.xlinks.co/devon</a> to register

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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](http://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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## **1.4.2 13 June 2024**

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## NEW QUOTA PILOT LAUNCHED

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## Nephrops accreditation takes a step forward

**R**EPRESENTATIVES OF THE prawn industry, from both the catching and processing sectors, have welcomed the latest moves by the fleet to have all aspects of the fishery, including stock status, environmental footprint and crew welfare, independently audited and assured.

After two decades of continual improvement, this will ensure that the sector can continue to tick every box in the growing list of requirements from UK supermarkets and other key buyers.

Mike Park, chief executive of the Scottish White Fish Producers' Association, told FN: "We're just confirming the formal details

of our move to an In-Transition programme – the formal process, over the next couple of years, that will be the next step in achieving full MSC certification for the stock.

"The biggest challenge is demonstrating that each separate population of Nephrops is managed optimally, when in many cases several populations fall under a single TAC."

The move comes as an NGO campaign targeted at the prawn fishery moved up a notch. After several months of a largely failed campaign to persuade buyers to avoid scampi, the NGO Open Seas has shifted its efforts to attack retailers, with a formal complaint to market regulators.

Full stories on page 3

## Scots prawn fleet finishing successful SW season



▲ The Fraserburgh boat Jacqueline Anne gets set for another trip from Newlyn. (Photo: Laurence Hartwell)

**T**he annual visit by a fleet of Scottish prawn vessels to the South West, fishing both the Smalls grounds northwest of Cornwall, and a series of banks due west of Land's End, is drawing to a close after a successful season.

As ever, the visitors spoke of the warm welcome provided in Newlyn, and the quality of the fish taken, with correspondingly

good prices.

While some of the visiting fleet arrived as early as March, the Jacqueline Anne is just wrapping up her third landing in Newlyn. Skipper Adam Tait made the call to head south when fishing slackened in the North Sea. His last trip on the Smalls grounds brought in a decent trip, but smaller-sized prawns and a lot of work for the

crew prompted them to head west for their next trip.

Fishing News will look in detail at the fishery in a future issue.



## LUGGERS IN ULLAPOOL

Celebration of Scottish boatbuilding and fishing heritage See page 14-15



## **1.5 Lloyds List**

### **1.5.1 16 May 2024**

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## Section 48 - Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

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On Thursday 16 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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon) and at the places in the vicinity of the Proposed Development set out

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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](http://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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon) and at the physical locations set out above.

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## 1.6 North Devon Gazette (local newspaper)

### 1.6.1 15 May 2024

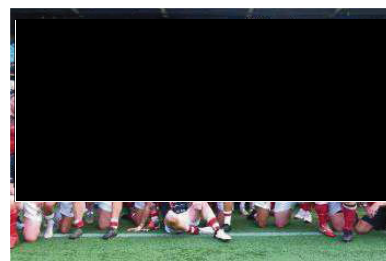
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# My long wait for justice in blood scandal

## Inquiry report looms following health ordeal

**ELLA SAMPSON**

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A BRAUNTON man has become a poignant symbol of the impact of the hepatitis C blood scandal that rocked the nation in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Diagnosed with hepatitis C in 2004, Paul Jewels attributes his condition to a blood transfusion he received in 1983 during chemotherapy

treatment for cancer at the age of 37.

Now at 78, the former chartered surveyor who had his own practice, hopes the result of the inquiry on May 20 will offer some sort of accountability and compensation for thousands, including himself, who were given infected blood during transfusions.

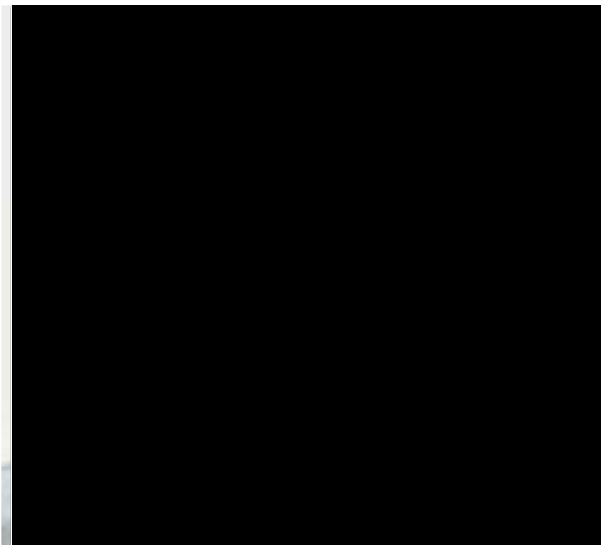
The contaminated blood scandal, which affected more than 30,000 individuals in the UK, involved the

administration of treatments tainted with HIV and hepatitis C. This resulted in around 3,000 lives being lost, a number that continues to grow.

The virus includes flu-like symptoms, feeling tired all the time, loss of appetite, and feeling/being sick.

However, many people have the infection without realising it.

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Paul Jewels has told the Gazette of his health ordeal and battle for closure



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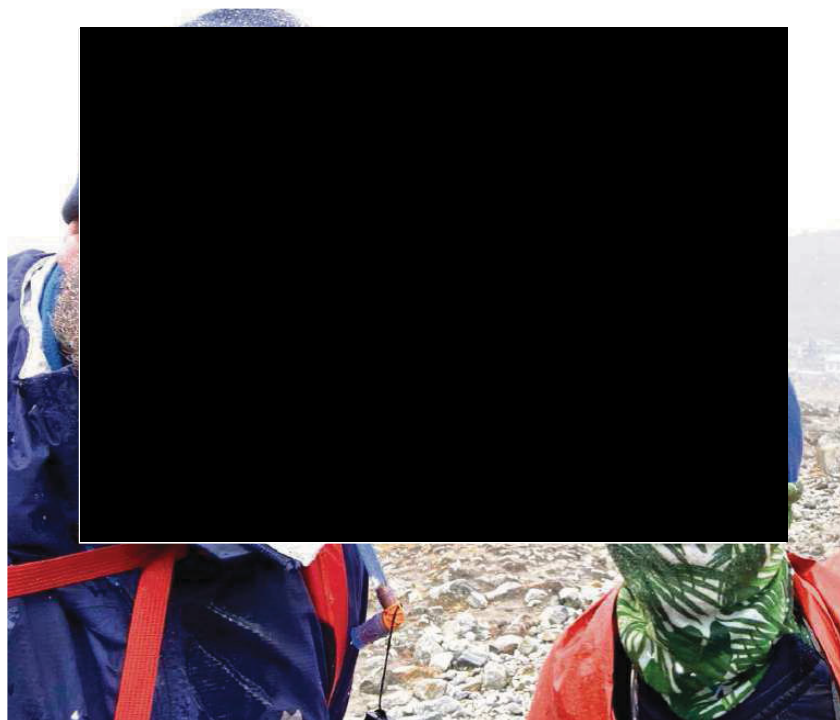
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# Have your say on new wind farm proposals

**TONY GUSSIN**

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PEOPLE have been urged to attend public consultations this week on controversial plans to install underground cabling at Saunton Sands to serve the proposed White Cross offshore wind farm.

A public drop-in event will take place today (Wednesday) at North Devon Cricket Club at Instow from 11am to 6.30pm.

Yesterday (Tuesday) developers Cobra and Flotation Energy held events at Braunton Parish Hall and Braunton Academy's Isaac Hall. Many have mounted opposition to the scheme, which would see cabling for the proposed wind farm come ashore at Saunton Sands and run under sensitive coastal sites.

The wind farm itself would be a testing and demo facility with seven floating wind turbines 32 miles off the coast.

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- 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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon)
- Contacting the Applicant directly with questions using the details in this notice

Date and time	Venue
Monday 20 May, 4pm-8pm	Abbotsham Village Hall, Abbotsham, Bideford EX39 5AP
Tuesday 21 May, 4pm-8pm	Alverdiscott Village Hall, Stoney Cross, Bideford EX39 4PZ
Wednesday 22 May, 12:30pm-4:30pm	Offshore stakeholder event - Caddsdown Business Centre, Caddsdown Industrial Park, Clovelly Rd, Bideford EX39 3BE
Wednesday 29 May, 6pm-7:30pm	Webinar - please visit <a href="http://www.xlinks.co/devon">www.xlinks.co/devon</a> to register
Friday 31 May, 1pm-5pm	Pollyfield Community Centre, Avon Rd, Bideford EX39 4BL
Saturday 1 June, 11am-3pm	Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, EX38 7HH
Wednesday 5 June, 6pm-7:30pm	Webinar - please visit <a href="http://www.xlinks.co/devon">www.xlinks.co/devon</a> to register

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# Run for D-Day heroes

## Former Marines' poignant mission

**ELLA SAMPSON**

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Portsmouth, to complete a 32-kilometre run in their full kit to honour those who fought on the Normandy landings in June 1944.

TWO former Royal Marines from Barnstaple have embarked on a poignant journey to Normandy to pay homage to the war heroes of the past.

Coinciding with the 80th anniversary of D-Day, Al Blanchard and Steve Rogers travelled to Normandy on the evening of Saturday, May 25 from

The former Commandos' run started on the morning of Sunday, May 26.

The pair, whose service records span from 1989 to 2003 in Northern Ireland, Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo, have long sought meaningful ways to honour

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Former Royal Marines Al Blanchard and Steve Rogers made a fundraising run to the Normandy beaches



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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](http://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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon) and at the physical locations set out above.

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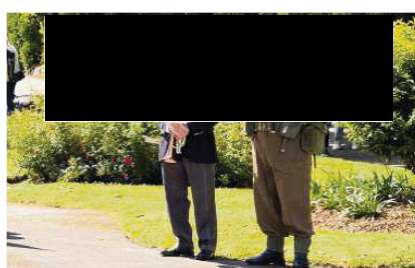


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How we saluted D-Day's history makers

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# Cancer charity bows out after 30 'amazing' years

## £3m legacy from Jennifer and friends

TONY GUSSIN

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A CHARITY run entirely by volunteers has made one last donation after more than 30 years of incredible fundraising for North Devon cancer patients.

The North Devon Cancer Care Centre Trust (NDCCCT) was set up by the late Jennifer Bonetta in 1994 following the death from cancer of her husband, Tom.

Jennifer launched the charity from the dining room table of her Northam home and thanks to fundraising events by the local community and the profits from a Westward Ho! charity shop, it has gone on to raise an astonishing £3 million for cancer services in North Devon.

Some of the early projects included helping

to fund North Devon District Hospital's first chemotherapy units on Level 5, Level 4 and then Level 2, as well as the chemotherapy pharmacy unit.

The charity also provided a transport service to take patients from North Devon and Torridge to and from their treatments in Exeter.

The charity raised £700,000 for the chemotherapy Seamoor Unit at NDDH, which opened in 2015 following a £2.2m fundraising appeal.

More recently, it contributed £100,000 towards the building of the hospital's £1.5m Fern Centre, which provides wellbeing support to local cancer patients. It has also donated £117,000 towards counselling and complimentary therapy costs at the Fern Centre.

Jennifer Bonetta died in 2011 aged 78, a few

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North Devon Cancer Care Centre Trust chairman James Bonetta and volunteers present the charity's final fundraising cheque to Carolyn Mills, chief nursing officer. Picture: RDHC



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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 Wednesday 15 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](http://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, Avon 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 USBs, 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](http://www.xlinks.co/devon)
- **By email:** [hello@xlinks.co](mailto: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](http://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:

- **By post:** Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project consultation FREEPOST SEC NEWGATE UK LOCAL
- **Online:** [www.xlinks.co/devon](http://www.xlinks.co/devon)
- **By email:** [hello@xlinks.co](mailto:hello@xlinks.co)

**Responses must be received no later than 11.59pm on Thursday 11 July 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. All responses received to date remain valid and will be considered and had regard to by the Application. The Applicant welcomes any further feedback from anyone who has already responded to the consultation based on the information in this notice.

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.