

XLINKS' MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT

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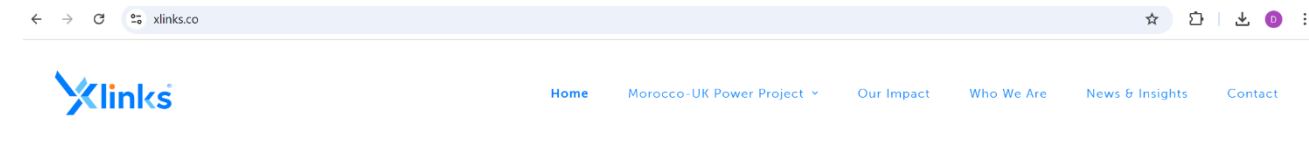
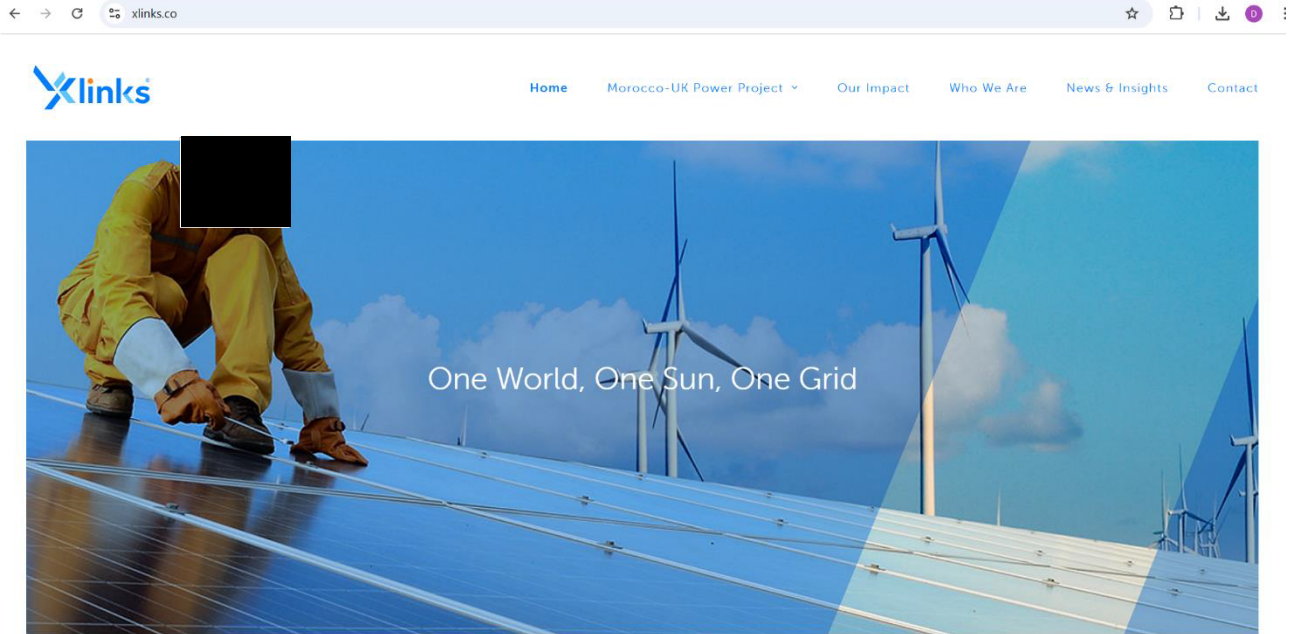
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Our Mission


Capturing and Connecting the Power of Nature

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

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About the Proposed Development

We held a statutory public consultation on our updated proposals for the UK element of the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project (the 'Project') between 16 May and 11 July 2024. You can find the information we published as part of the consultation on this page.

Securing development consent

Last year, the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero recognised the elements of the Project in the UK (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



Consultation

Consultation is an important part of the DCO process as it enables the public and stakeholders to comment on the proposals. We have conducted three rounds of consultation, which have been vital to shaping our proposals to date.

Most recently, we carried out a round of consultation from 16 May to 11 July 2024. This was called a 'statutory public consultation' because it fulfilled the legal requirement to consult on nationally significant projects. As part of the consultation, we held events in the local area and online, published information about our proposals, and invited feedback from stakeholders and the community.

We are grateful to everyone who took part in the consultation. The feedback we have received 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.





Document library

This section includes the documents we published as part of our statutory public consultation, which took place between 16 May and 11 July 2024.

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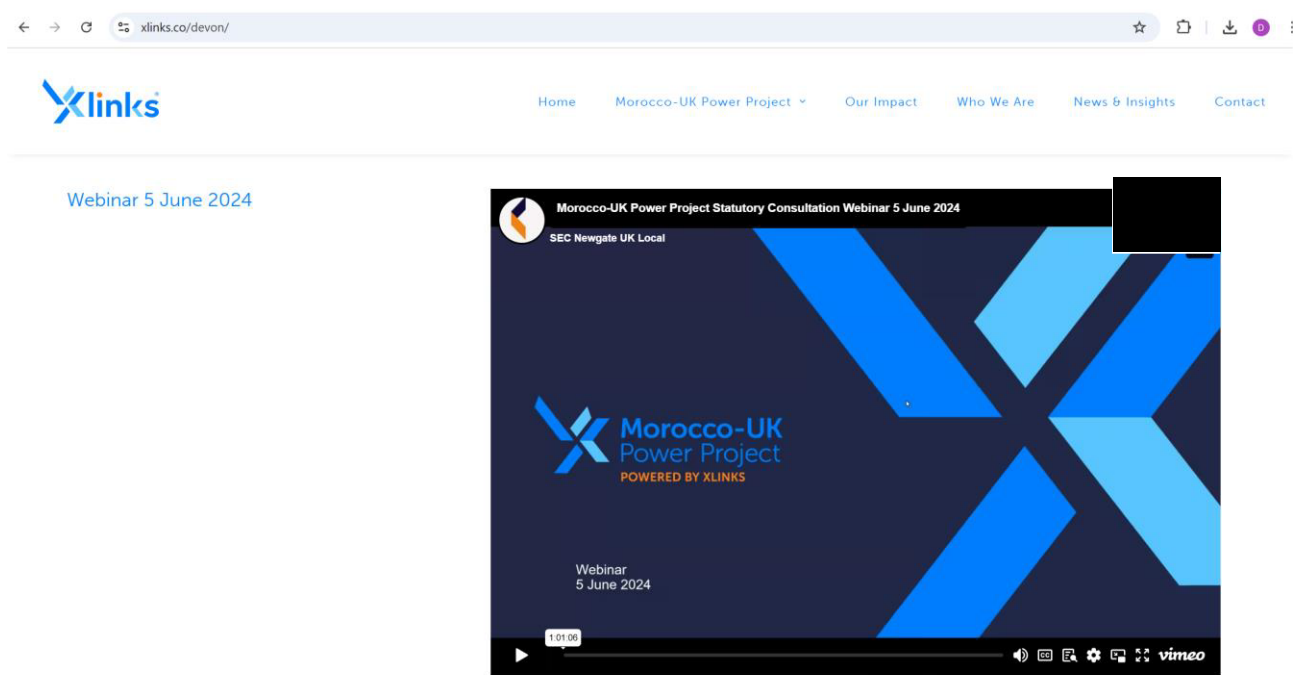
Morocco-UK Power Project Statutory Consultations

The recordings below are of the webinars we carried out during the statutory public consultation:

Webinar 29 May 2024

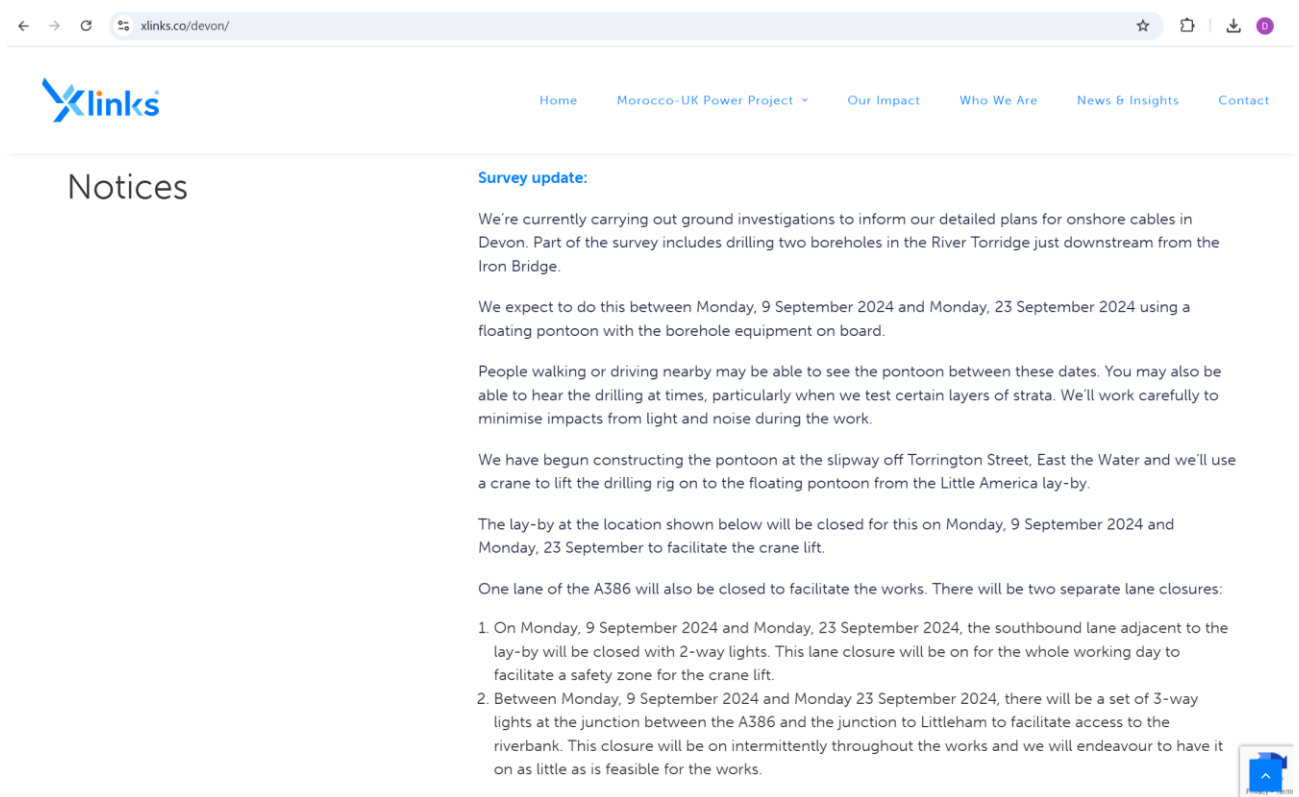


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Notices

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.

People walking or driving nearby may be able to see the pontoon between these dates. You may also be able to hear the drilling at times, particularly when we test certain layers of strata. We'll work carefully to minimise impacts from light and noise during the work.

We have begun constructing the pontoon at the slipway off Torrington Street, East the Water and we'll use a crane to lift the drilling rig on to the floating pontoon from the Little America lay-by.

The lay-by at the location shown below will be closed for this on Monday, 9 September 2024 and Monday, 23 September to facilitate the crane lift.

One lane of the A386 will also be closed to facilitate the works. There will be two separate lane closures:

1. On Monday, 9 September 2024 and Monday, 23 September 2024, the southbound lane adjacent to the lay-by will be closed with 2-way lights. This lane closure will be on for the whole working day to facilitate a safety zone for the crane lift.
2. Between Monday, 9 September 2024 and Monday 23 September 2024, there will be a set of 3-way lights at the junction between the A386 and the junction to Littleham to facilitate access to the riverbank. This closure will be on intermittently throughout the works and we will endeavour to have it on as little as is feasible for the works.





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The works are subject to the tidal variance of the river. The pontoon will float, and bottom out depending on the tide times and will require a presence on the pontoon 24hrs a day and drilling will be required to take place subject to/in line with the tides.

Thank you for bearing with us during this work.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why connect to the GB electricity grid in Devon?

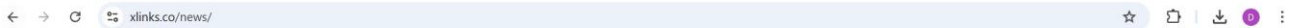
Our project needs to connect at the optimal location in terms of transmission capacity and efficiency. This means it can deliver more renewable energy at a lower cost to Britain's households.

We worked with National Grid to identify the optimal connection site. Agreement has been reached with National Grid for two 1.8GW connections at this site.

How can Devon benefit?

Will it impact rural views and character?

How will lorries access the construction?

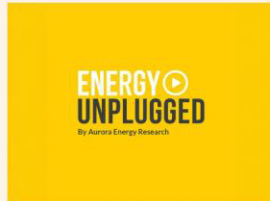


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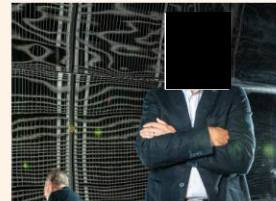
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