

XLINKS' MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT

Consultation Report

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1 EIA SCOPING

1.1 Regulation 11 notification

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Dear Ms Hayward

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulation 10

Proposed application by Xlinks 1 Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project (the Proposed Development)

Issue of Scoping Opinion and list of the consultation bodies notified by the Secretary of State

Thank you for your letter received on 29 January 2024 requesting a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations and for the Scoping Report entitled Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project Scoping Report.

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the EIA Regulations the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) has:

- consulted the consultation bodies;
- taken account of the consultation responses received within the prescribed time period; and
- taken account of the specific characteristics of the Proposed Development as described by the Applicant and the environmental features likely to be affected by the Proposed Development.

The attached document entitled 'Scoping Opinion – Proposed Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project and dated 7 March 2024 is the SoS's written opinion as to the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement (ES) which must be

submitted with an application for development consent. It should be read in conjunction with your EIA Scoping Report.

All consultation responses received up to and including 27 February 2024 from the consultation bodies have been appended to and form part of the Scoping Opinion.

Further consultation responses have been received by the Planning Inspectorate following the end of the statutory deadline. These have also been enclosed for your consideration. Any further late consultation responses the Planning Inspectorate receives will be forwarded to you for your consideration and made available via our website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>.

Under Regulation 11(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations, the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS is required to notify the Applicant of the list of consultation bodies notified in accordance with Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations. The Planning Inspectorate has notified these consultation bodies that the Applicant intends to provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development. They have also been informed of their duty under Regulation 11(3) to enter into consultation with the Applicant regarding preparation of the ES, if requested. Please find this list enclosed.

To clarify, the Planning Inspectorate has not identified any persons under Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations, who may be affected by the Proposed Development.

Please be aware that it is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure their consultation fully accords with the requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended), and associated regulations and guidance. The enclosed list has been compiled by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS in its duty to notify the consultees in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a) and, whilst it can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Marie Shoesmith

**Marie Shoesmith
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on behalf of the Secretary of State**

Enclosed:

- Secretary of State Scoping Opinion – Proposed Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project 07 March 2024
- Regulation 11 Notification List

Late consultation responses from:

- Cornwall Council
- UK Health Security Agency

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1.2 Regulation 11 list

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PROPOSED XLINKS MOROCCO-UK POWER PROJECT

PROJECT REFERENCE: EN010164

LIST OF CONSULTATION BODIES NOTIFIED BY THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE UNDER REGULATION 11(1)(A) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 ('THE EIA REGULATIONS')

07 MARCH 2024

This information has been provided in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(b) of the the EIA Regulations in response to a Regulation 8 notification received from Xlinks 1 Limited on 29 January 2024. The table below lists the bodies that the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State has notified under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations. They have been identified based on the red line boundary provided by the Applicant as a shapefile in the correspondence dated 16 January 2024.

When meeting its statutory pre-application obligations, the Applicant must make diligent inquiries, carry out its own investigations and take legal advice, as appropriate. Whilst the list of bodies identified by the Planning Inspectorate can inform the Applicant's own consultation, it should not be relied upon for that purpose. The Applicant should also have regard to the relevant guidance prepared by the Planning Inspectorate, which is available via our website¹.

Please note that the consultation bodies have been identified and notified in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note three: EIA Notification and Consultation (version 7, Republished June 2020), which is available on our website¹.

The consultation bodies are identified in the following tables:

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¹ <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/>

Table 1: Prescribed Consultation Bodies²

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The Health and Safety Executive	Health and Safety Executive	NSIP.applications@hse.gov.uk
NHS England	NHS England	england.contactus@nhs.net
The relevant Integrated Care Board	NHS Devon Integrated Care Board	d-ccg.corporateservices@nhs.net
Natural England	Natural England	consultations@naturalengland.org.uk CC: [REDACTED]@naturalengland.org.uk
The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England	Historic England	southwest@HistoricEngland.org.uk CC: [REDACTED]@HistoricEngland.org.uk CC: [REDACTED]@HistoricEngland.org.uk CC: MPUconsultation@HistoricEngland.org.uk CC: [REDACTED]@HistoricEngland.org.uk
The relevant fire and rescue authority	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service	comments@dsfire.gov.uk
The relevant police and crime commissioner	Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner	opcc@dc-pcc.gov.uk

² Schedule 1 of The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the 'APFP Regulations')

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The relevant parish councils	Westleigh Parish Council	Westleigh.Clerk@gmail.com
	Bideford Town Council	townclerk@bideford-tc.gov.uk
	Alwington Parish Council	parish.clerk@alwingtonparish.org
	Abbotsham Parish Council	abbotshampc@gmail.com
	Weare Giffard Parish Council	wearegiffardpc@gmail.com
	Alverdiscott and Huntshaw Parish Council	alvhuntpc@gmail.com
	Littleham and Landcross Parish Council	clerk@littlehamandlandcross-pc.gov.uk
The Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	<p>██████████@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>CC:</p> <p>spdc@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>CC:</p> <p>NItteam@environment-agency.gov.uk</p>
The Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	jnccadvicetodti@jncc.gov.uk
The Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	<p>navigationsafety@mcga.gov.uk</p> <p>CC:</p> <p>██████████@mcga.gov.uk</p> <p>CC:</p> <p>PlymouthMO@mcga.gov.uk</p>
The Marine Management Organisation	Marine Management Organisation	<p>marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk</p> <p>CC:</p> <p>██████████@marinemanagement.org.uk</p>

Schedule 1 Description	Organisation	Contact
The Relevant Highways Authority	Devon County Council	FAO: Head of Highways planning@devon.gov.uk
The relevant strategic highways company	National Highways	planningSW@nationalhighways.co.uk
The Coal Authority	The Coal Authority	planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk
Trinity House	Trinity House	navigation.directorate@thls.org cc: [REDACTED]@thls.org
United Kingdom Health Security Agency, an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care	United Kingdom Health Security Agency	Nsipconsultations@ukhsa.gov.uk
The Crown Estate Commissioners	The Crown Estate	NSIP@thecrownestate.co.uk
The Forestry Commission	The Forestry Commission	planningsw@forestrycommission.gov.uk
The Secretary of State for Defence	Ministry of Defence	DIO-Safeguarding-Statutory@mod.gov.uk cc: DIO-Safeguarding-Offshore@mod.gov.uk

Table 2: Relevant Statutory Undertakers

Statutory Undertaker³	Organisation	Contact
The relevant Integrated Care Board	NHS Devon Integrated Care Board	d-ccg.corporateservices@nhs.net
NHS England	NHS England	england.contactus@nhs.net
The relevant NHS Foundation Trust	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	reception@swast.nhs.uk
Railways	Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	TownPlanningWestern@networkrail.co.uk CC: [REDACTED]@networkrail.co.uk
	National Highways Historical Railways Estate	hreenquiries@nationalhighways.co.uk
Universal Service Provider	Royal Mail Group	[REDACTED]@realestate.bnpparibas CC: [REDACTED]@royalmail.com CC: [REDACTED]@struttandparker.com
Homes and Communities Agency	Homes England	enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk
The relevant Environment Agency	The Environment Agency	[REDACTED]@environment-agency.gov.uk CC: spdc@environment-agency.gov.uk CC: NIteam@environment-agency.gov.uk

³ 'Statutory Undertaker' is defined in the APFP Regulations as having the same meaning as in Section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008)

Statutory Undertaker ³	Organisation	Contact
The relevant water and sewage undertaker	South West Water	DeveloperServicesPlanning@southwestwater.co.uk
The relevant public gas transporter	Cadent Gas Limited	<p>██████████@cadentgas.com cc: landservices@cadentgas.com</p>
	Northern Gas Networks Limited	BeforeYouDig@northerngas.co.uk
	Scotland Gas Networks Plc	customer@sgn.co.uk
	Southern Gas Networks Plc	customer@sgn.co.uk
	Wales and West Utilities Ltd	enquiries@wwutilities.co.uk
	CNG Services Ltd	info@cngservices.co.uk
	Energy Assets Pipelines Limited	info@energyassetsnetworks.co.uk
	ES Pipelines Ltd	<p>Design@espug.com cc: ESPEDesign@espug.com cc: Operations@espug.com cc: CustomerServices@espug.com</p>
	ESP Connections Ltd	PlantResponses@espipelines.com
ESP Networks Ltd	<p>Design@espug.com cc: ESPEDesign@espug.com cc:</p>	

Statutory Undertaker ³	Organisation	Contact
		Operations@espug.com CC: CustomerServices@espug.com
	ESP Pipelines Ltd	Design@espug.com CC: ESPEDesign@espug.com CC: Operations@espug.com CC: CustomerServices@espug.com
	Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	FPLPlant@fulcrum.co.uk
	GTC Pipelines Limited	[REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk CC: [REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk
	Harlaxton Gas Networks Limited	info@harlaxtonenergynetworks.com
	Independent Pipelines Limited	[REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk CC: [REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk
	Indigo Pipelines Limited	enquiries@indigopipelines.co.uk CC: [REDACTED]@indigopipelines.co.uk
	Last Mile Gas Ltd	info@lastmile-uk.com
	Leep Gas Networks Limited	operations@leeputilities.co.uk
	Mua Gas Limited	gasnetworks@murphygroup.co.uk

Statutory Undertaker ³	Organisation	Contact
	Quadrant Pipelines Limited	<p>██████████@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: ██████████@gtc-uk.co.uk</p>
	Squire Energy Limited	<p>enquiries@squireenergy.co.uk</p>
	National Gas	<p>box.assetprotection@nationalgas.com cc: ██████████@nationalgas.com</p>
The relevant electricity distributor with CPO Powers	Aidien Ltd	<p>Aidien Ltd International House 1 St. Katharines Way London E1W 1YL</p>
	National Grid Electricity Distribution (South West) Limited	<p>nged.info@nationalgrid.co.uk cc: NGED.MapResponse@NationalGrid.co.uk</p>
	Eclipse Power Network Limited	<p>enquiries@eclipsepower.co.uk</p>
	Energy Assets Networks Limited	<p>info@energyassetsnetworks.co.uk</p>
	ESP Electricity Limited	<p>ESPEDesign@espug.com cc: Design@espug.com cc: Operations@espug.com cc: CustomerServices@espug.com</p>
	Fulcrum Electricity Assets Limited	<p>enquiries@fulcrum.co.uk</p>

Statutory Undertaker ³	Organisation	Contact
	Harlaxton Energy Networks Limited	info@harlaxtonenergynetworks.com
	Independent Distribution Connection Specialists Ltd	info@idcsl.co.uk
	Independent Power Networks Limited	[REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: [REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk
	Indigo Power Limited	IndigoPower@indigopipelines.co.uk
	Last Mile Electricity Ltd	info@lastmile-uk.com
	Leep Electricity Networks Limited	electricity@leeputilities.co.uk
	Mua Electricity Limited	mail@murphygroup.co.uk
	Optimal Power Networks Limited	OptimalPowerNetworks@sse.com
	The Electricity Network Company Limited	[REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk cc: [REDACTED]@gtc-uk.co.uk
	UK Power Distribution Limited	newconnections@ukpowerdistribution.co.uk
	Utility Assets Limited	distributionmanager@utilityassets.co.uk
	Vattenfall Networks Limited	UK-networks@vattenfall.com
The relevant electricity transmitter with CPO Powers	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	[REDACTED]@nationalgrid.com cc: box.landandacquisitions@nationalgrid.com cc:

Statutory Undertaker ³	Organisation	Contact
		assetprotection@nationalgrid.com CC: box.NGVops@nationalgrid.com CC: [REDACTED]@nationalgrid.com
	National Grid Electricity System Operation Limited	transmissionconnections@nationalgrideso.com CC: commercial.operation@nationalgrideso.com CC: assetprotection@nationalgrid.com CC: box.NGVops@nationalgrid.com

Table 3: Section 43 Consultees (for the purposes of Section 42(1)(b))⁴

Local Authority ⁵	Contact
Cornwall Council	Head of Planning planning@cornwall.gov.uk
Dartmoor National Park Authority	Head of Planning planning@dartmoor.gov.uk
Devon County Council	Head of Planning planning@devon.gov.uk
Dorset Council	Head of Planning planningwest@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
Exmoor National Park Authority	Head of Planning plan@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk
Mid Devon District Council	Head of Planning dcregistration@middevon.gov.uk
North Devon Council	Head of Planning planning@northdevon.gov.uk
Plymouth City Council	Head of Planning planningconsents@plymouth.gov.uk
Somerset Council	Head of Planning planningwest@somerset.gov.uk

⁴ Sections 43(3) and 42(b) of the PA2008

⁵ As defined in Section 43(3) of the PA2008

Local Authority⁵	Contact
Torbay Council	Head of Planning planning@torbay.gov.uk
Torridge District Council	Head of Planning planningsupport@torridge.gov.uk
West Devon Borough Council	Head of Planning development.management@swdevon.gov.uk

Table 4: Non-Prescribed Consultation Bodies

Non-prescribed consultees have been identified in accordance with Table 3 of the annexe to Advice Note three: EIA Notification and Consultation (Version 7, August 2017).

The following non-prescribed consultation bodies have been identified by the Planning Inspectorate. They are not consultation bodies for the purposes of Regulation 11(3) of the EIA Regulations (who must, if requested by the Applicant, make information relevant to the preparation of the Environmental Statement available) and these duties not apply to the non-prescribed consultees identified.

Organisation	Contact
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	watchkeeper@rnli.org.uk