

Please reply to:

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Date: 16th August 2023

Dear Mr Bailey,

X-Links Project – HVDC Cables and Converter Stations (Morocco- Alverdiscott Link)

Thank you for your correspondence which advises the Local Planning Authority of your intention to submit a request to the Secretary of State to seek confirmation that the project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) for which development consent is required.

Torrige District Council is supportive of the proposal being considered a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, as per the Planning Act 2008. Torrige District Council considers that the proposal would be best considered through the DCO process, noting that similar projects have been considered under such legislation.

Torrige District Council looks forward to assisting you with the DCO process where possible, whilst supporting the delivery of any community benefits which will be derived from this project.

Yours sincerely,

Ryan Steppel

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