**Submission to XLinks from Alverdiscott & Huntshaw Parish Council**

1. Xlinks have stated that all equipment deliveries for the Convertor Stations will be made to the Construction Depot off Tennacott Lane via the A39 and Manteo Way and that all construction site personnel will be bused to the Convertor Station site via the Haulway. *It is essential that this policy is fully adhered to so as to avoid the repeated serious safety incidents that have occurred throughout 2024 during the construction of the Solar Park at Gammaton which almost had fatal consequences.* In order to avoid the serious safety incidents that have occurred in the last twelve months with the construction of the Gammaton Solar Park at the Gammaton Cross Junction action will be needed to prevent a reoccurrence of such incidents by all vehicles.

1. What steps will XLinks and DCC Highways implement to PREVENT ANY Vehicle from accessing either site via any of the small unclassified lanes leading from the B3232 between Roundswell on the A39 and Torrington on the B3232 or via the A386 via Weare Giffard and Halspill and how will they police it?
2. *Where is it expected that the work force will be accommodated?*
3. *How is it expected that the work force will get to the Tennacott Lane depot from their accommodation?*
4. Once construction is completed XLinks intend to improve the Gammaton Road as far as the Haulway crossing and lay a new permanent road from the crossing to the Convertor Stations to provide good access for future maintenance.
	1. What steps will DCC Highways be required to take to PREVENT these road improvements from encouraging more traffic, not connected with XLinks, to use the unclassified roads leading off the Gammaton Road.

2. a. How will commitments made by XLinks to landscape the Convertor Station site be enforced and who is responsible for the enforcement?

 b. The external cladding of the convertor stations must be suitably coloured to camouflage its existence so that it blends into the landscape.

3. Long term rental contracts should be offered to local accommodation providers at full commercial rates *to compensate them for the loss of income from their holiday lets*

4. a. What provisions will be made to manage rain run off during construction and the excessive run off after construction to prevent excessive silt being carried to the small streams draining Gammaton Moor or downstream flooding due to faster run off?

 b. What provision will be made to prevent leakage of oil and other toxic pollutants entering the watercourses post construction.

5. The convertor station site is a dark sky location with a very low ambient noise level

 a. What restrictions will be placed on floodlighting during working hours?

 b. What restrictions will be placed on post completion outside lighting?

 c. What restrictions will be placed on noise emissions during construction and in subsequent operation?

1. *How will XLinks seek to compensate the residents of A&HPC for the many years of disruption and the despoiling of our local landscape and habitats?*

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