

1. Project Reference: EN010164. Relevant Representation submitted by Osborne Clarke LLP on behalf of National Grid Telecoms Limited ("**NG Telecoms**").
2. Osborne Clarke LLP act for NG Telecoms whose registered office is at Avonbank, Feeder Road, Bristol, BS2 0TB. NG Telecoms is an operator of an electronic communications network to which Schedule 3A of the Communication Act 2003 applies for the area in which the Xlinks' Morocco-UK Power Project Development Consent Order 202\* (the "**Order**") is proposed to have effect.
3. The application was received by the Planning Inspectorate on 21 November 2024 and accepted on 19 December 2024.
4. The application includes land in or upon which NG Telecoms may have electronic communications apparatus. NG Telecoms is currently reviewing the draft Order setting out the Authorised Development to establish the extent to which their apparatus and interests are affected.
4. While NG Telecoms will continue to seek to have positive engagement with the applicant in relation to the project, NG Telecoms needs to ensure that the wider powers being sought in the Order will not have a detrimental impact on NG Telecoms' electronic communications network. This includes ensuring acceptable terms of any proposed protective provisions.
5. NG Telecoms is therefore making this representation as a holding objection to the application until a form of protective provisions has been agreed between the parties. No formal agreement on protective provisions has yet been concluded and accordingly we are lodging this representation to protect NG Telecom's position pending negotiation and agreement of the requisite form of protective provisions. Once NG Telecoms is satisfied that its network is protected, we will notify the Planning Inspectorate promptly and withdraw the objection.