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Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 9

Application by XLinks 1 Limited for an order granting development consent for the XLinks Morocco-UK Power Project

Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2025. This is in response to the Examining Authority's (ExA) letter of 15 May 2025, which set out a request for further information relating to possible amendments to the application documentation as submitted. The ExA notes that at this time there remain some uncertainties which mean that it is not possible to provide the clarity sought.

The ExA's letter also set out the ExA's procedural decision that the requested extension to the pre-examination period could be accommodated. However, noting the importance of providing certainty to all parties in the process, the Preliminary Meeting (PM) marking the start of the examination would be postponed until mid to late July 2025. Noting this would represent a seven month pre-examination period, the ExA's view is that it would not be reasonable to extend this period any further.

Therefore, it is the ExA's intention that the examination should proceed on this basis. The alternative is for the applicant to consider withdrawing the application at this point and re-submitting when the current uncertainties have been addressed.

Yours faithfully

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Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors

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