



Great Torrington Town Council

Statement from the Mayor of Great Torrington, Councillor Dave Parish

Devon Data Campus and Battery Energy Storage System

01 July 2026

Great Torrington Town Council would like to thank the local community for their engagement at such short notice on the recent proposals put forward by Xlinks to build an AI data centre and battery energy storage system (BESS) in Great Torrington.

The Town Council is here to represent the voice of the community. Representatives from the council have been and will continue to attend meetings in relation to these proposals. We will be gathering feedback from the local community to help shape the town council's response as and when these proposals are submitted for planning consent.

The Town Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications in the parish of Great Torrington and considers community feedback when commenting to the local planning authority: Torridge District Council. As the council will be formally consulted on these proposals, it must keep an open mind to avoid jeopardising the planning process. Please be reassured that we are listening to your comments and working with concerned and interested parties to ensure all issues are fully considered.

We would strongly encourage everyone to engage with the public consultation on these proposals by attending the public information days (details below) and completing the public consultation questionnaire which will be available on the Devon Data Campus website from 14 July 2026: <https://www.devondatacampus.com/> . There will also be the opportunity to share any comments/objections on the Torridge District Council Planning Portal once any planning applications have been submitted by Xlinks.

Public Information Days:

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	12:30 – 7pm	Weare Giffard Village Hall, Weare Giffard, EX39 4QR
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	12:30 – 8pm	Great Torrington Town Hall, High Street, Torrington, EX38 8HN
Thursday 16 th July 2026	12:30 – 8pm	Huntshaw Parish Hall, Huntshaw, Torrington, EX38 7HH
Friday 17 th July 2026	10am – 1:30pm	Caddsdow Business Support Centre, Caddsdow Industrial Park, Bideford, EX39 3DX