



## Great Torrington Town Council

### Statement from the Mayor of Great Torrington, Councillor Dave Parish

#### Devon Data Campus and Battery Energy Storage System

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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 submitting comments 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.

Xlinks have advised they will be undertaking a period of public consultation, **however, please note, the Public Information Days originally scheduled for mid-July have been rescheduled until after the summer. Dates for the new Public Information Days are still to be confirmed.**

We would strongly encourage everyone to engage with the public consultation on these proposals. For more information, please visit the Devon Data Campus website:  
<https://www.devondatacampus.com/>

There will also be the opportunity to share any comments/views on the Torridge District Council Planning Portal once any planning applications have been submitted by Xlinks.