

Community Matters



Leonardo Da Vinci

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Viking Link newsletter, 'Community Matters'.

As I reflect on the many key milestones Viking Link has achieved since our last newsletter, I am reminded of the vital role the work we are undertaking will eventually play in Lincolnshire in supporting the drive to decarbonise the UK's power supply on the journey to a net zero carbon energy system.

Some of the personal highlights from the past few months for me have been Viking Link reaching almost 700km of cable being laid between the UK and Denmark, finishing our transportation of four 225 tonne transformers to the site in Bicker Fen and the delivery of some great community initiatives, from STEM

sessions in schools to working with local charities. Being a good neighbour is of paramount importance, I am incredibly proud of the engagement which is being undertaken in the local communities in partnership with our principal contractors.

I want to finish by saying thank you to everyone in the community for your continued support and understanding of the Viking Link project.



Phil Sandy, Director of New Interconnectors, National Grid UK

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Project Updates

Viking Link project construction works remain on track and to programme. Below are some pictures illustrating the key milestones achieved to date.



Onshore cable testing success

Viking Link completed an intermediate test in February. The test involved 67km of onshore cable being charged to full capacity (up to 735,000 volts).



Final transformer arrival - courtesy of Chris Wray

The final 225 tonne transformer arrived at the end of February after its six-hour journey from the Port of Immingham to the Viking Link converter site in Bicker Fen.



The Leonardo da Vinci vessel arrived at the Arco Felice factory in Italy in March ready to have the final cables loaded onto the turntable (as seen in right image above). It took several days for the cable to be loaded before setting off to the UK ahead of the offshore installation. Viking Link has two final offshore cables to install before we see the full end to end connection. Leonardo da Vinci is the cable laying vessel that was built in 2021.



Offshore cable installation underway

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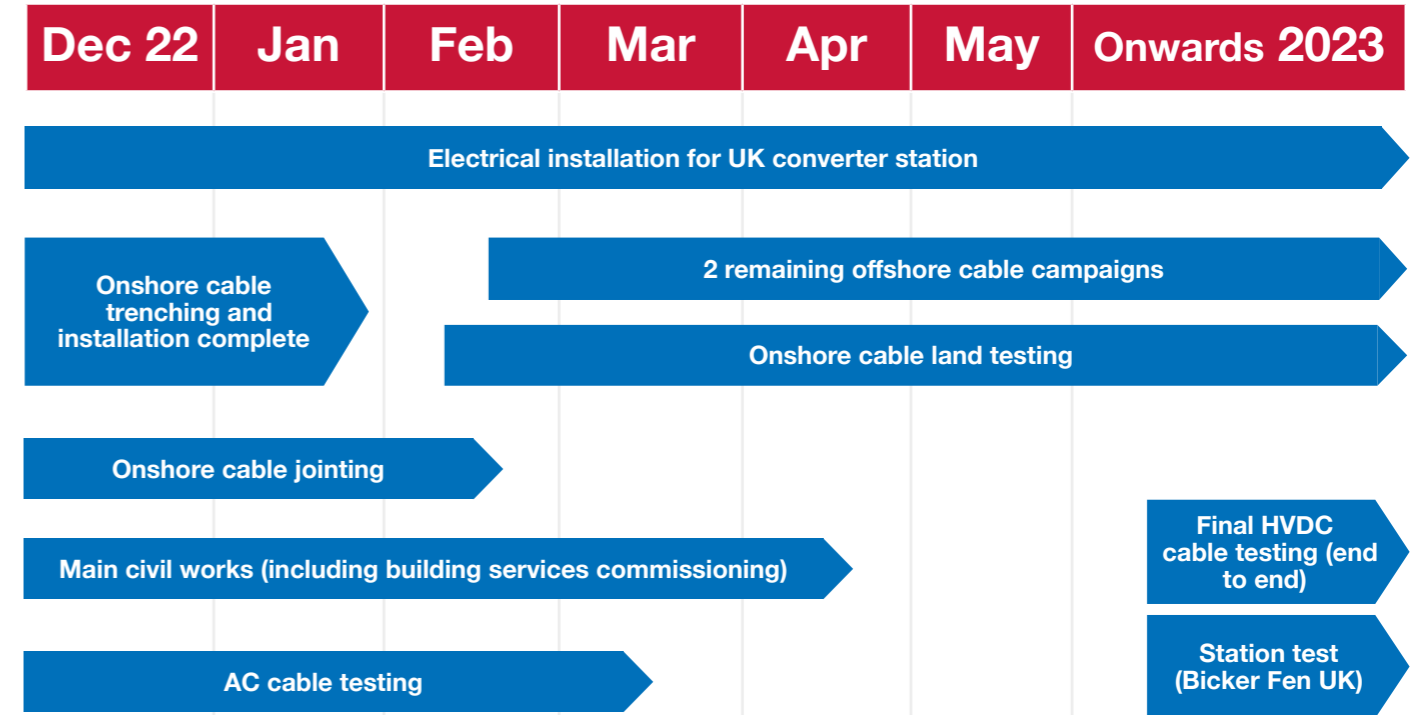
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Project milestones until the end of 2023



All project milestone dates planned for 2023 are subject to change*

Viking Link plays a vital role in supporting the drive to decarbonise the UK's power supply on the journey to a net zero carbon energy system. The interconnector will enable access to a cleaner, greener supply of electricity, increase energy security and make energy affordable for consumers.

Construction work notifications

The project is committed to ensuring we cause the least amount of impact as possible to the local community whilst undertaking our works. We continue to place traffic management signs at our work locations and pride ourselves on providing advance notice to local residents.

Cable work route updates:

Balfour Beatty and associated subcontractors will continue restoration works along the cable route throughout 2023. All works have gone through consultation with the Local Highway Authority, Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) with all necessary Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders and Road Space permits in place. All reasonable measures will be taken to complete the work as quickly as possible and to minimise disruption and inconvenience.

transformers have now been delivered and the cable connection works to Bicker Fen substation has been completed. The equipment installation and completion of the civil works will continue until summer 2023, from there the commissioning works will commence.

Our website

We have made improvements to our website! We are providing a monthly look ahead of project works, updates of site news and making the website easier to navigate. You'll also be able to view our project video which provides an overview, objectives and benefits of the project at www.viking-link.com

Converter site at Bicker Fen updates:

Works are ongoing at the site of the new converter station. The building is now completely cladded and the internal fitout with high voltage equipment has begun. All large

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Community Contribution

Together with our contractors, we have been working hard to continue our ongoing commitment to support local communities with various programmes. Below is a snapshot of the most recent support that has been delivered in the communities.



Being a good neighbour is of paramount importance to a project like Viking Link and the community is at the heart of what we do.

Viking Link has been working with Age UK Lindsey and recently mobilised a team to pack Winter Warmth boxes.

Funded by Viking Link the boxes include, blankets, hand warmers, socks, snacks and other household items to help retain heat.

The team spent two days packing 300 Winter Warmth boxes and then delivering them to the local community.



Viking Link and Siemens Energy celebrated "National Engineering Week" at Boston College where the team delivered a selection of fun, engaging and interactive engineering sessions.

The aim of these sessions is to inspire the next generation of engineers, to showcase our project, renewables and the journey to net zero.

Viking Link will continue to work with our contractors to support as many local initiatives as we reasonably can to address loneliness, education and the environment.



Viking Link and Hands on Science have worked together to deliver 57 interactive STEM based workshops to over 2000 pupils in local schools along the cable route since 2019.

The workshops are directly linked to the National Curriculum and feature practical activities that are relevant to the construction timeline of the project. The sessions use fun and educational activities to teach young people about the renewable energy sector and the STEM careers open to them in the industry when they are older.

We're committed to the development of young people and we want to ignite their interest in STEM subjects and renewable energy by giving them access to new knowledge and skills.

In our latest session, pupils were challenged with building a renewable energy vehicle that could then lay an offshore cable in the seabed. Look out for our next sessions taking place in schools later this year.

Don't forget to get your free downloadable copy of Nessa and the Interconnector from our website - scan this code.



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