



Viking Link's converter station site, Bicker Fen, receiving its first delivery of a transformer.

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

I want to start by saying a special thanks to everyone in the community for your understanding during the project works.

I am delighted to say that the project construction activity is on track and progressing to schedule to construct the interconnector between Bicker Fen, in Lincolnshire, Great Britain and Revsing, in Southern Jutland, Denmark.

We've achieved some key milestones since our last newsletter that can be found on the following pages, alongside our phenomenal community initiatives in partnership with our contractors.

As we head into the New Year 2023, we reflect on the volume of work we still have to deliver and I want to thank you for your patience at this time. I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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 during Summer 2022 to date.



Onshore cable drum



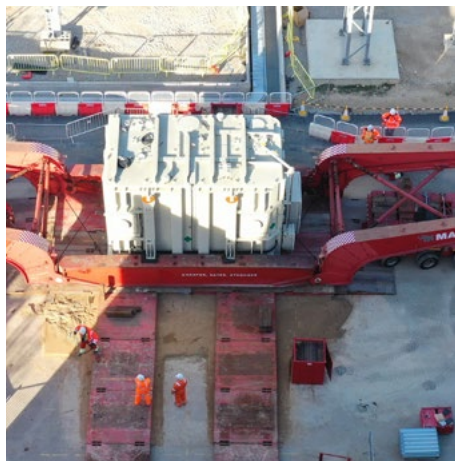
Transformer delivery to site



Unloading cable drums



Transformer arrival at the converter station site



Transformer unloading at the converter station site



Leonardo da Vinci vessel laying cable

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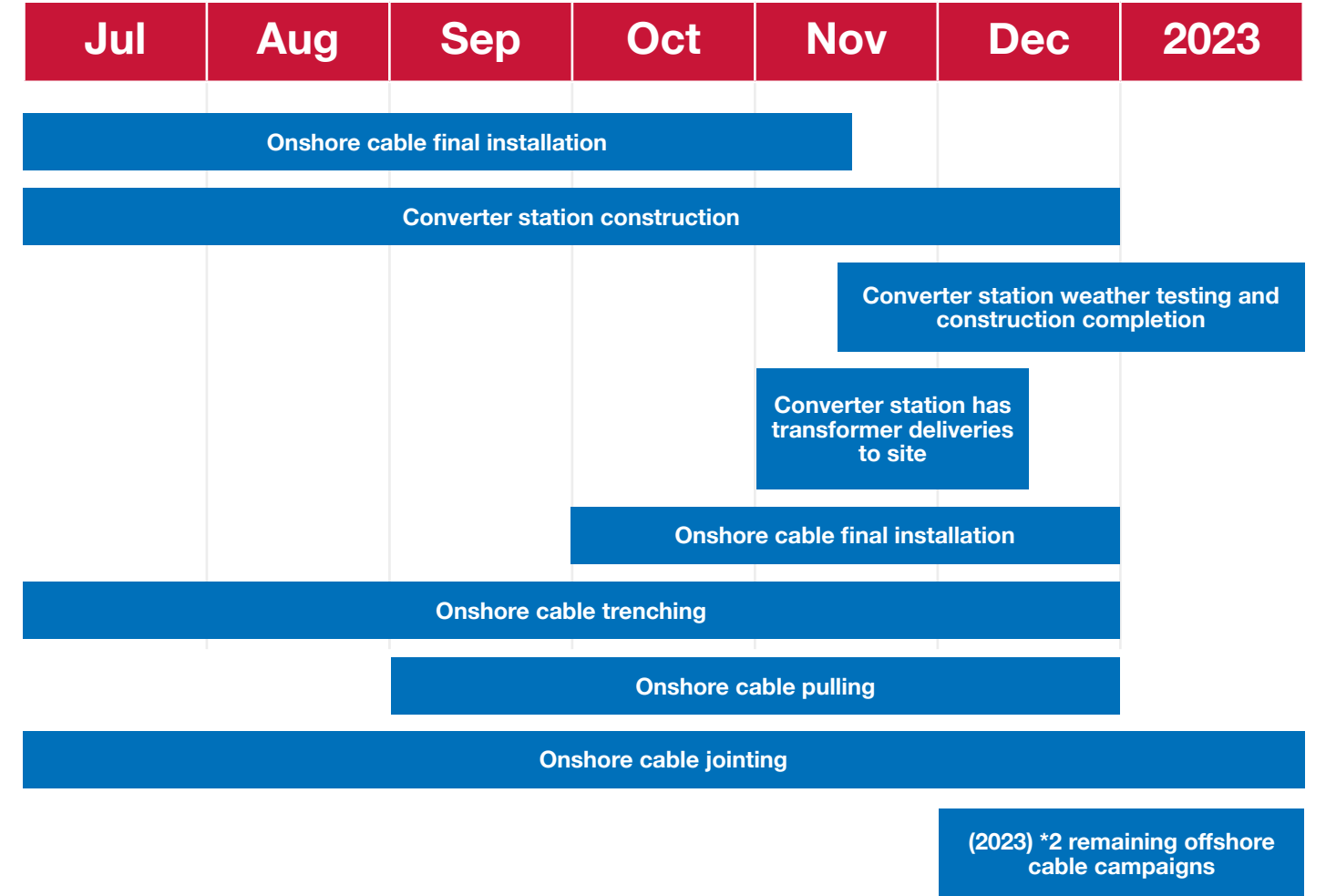
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Project milestones until the end of 2023



All project milestone dates planned for 2022/23 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 ensure we cause the least amount of impact to the local community whilst undertaking our works. We continue to place traffic management signs at our work locations and provide advance notice to local residents.

Cable work route updates

Viking Link, working with our principle contractor and associated subcontractors, will be carrying our restoration works along the cable route throughout 2023.

Traffic management operatives will provide safe access and egress for residents and other necessary vehicles.

The work has gone through consultation with the Local Highways 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 to minimise any disruption and inconvenience.

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

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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 and are looking to identify new initiatives that we can support. Below is a snapshot of what support we have provided.

In July 2022 a small team from the converter station site mobilised to support and set up a community event. The team went to Donington to assist with a marquee build and set up for the Donington Beer Festival.



The Viking Link project has recently supported Stickney & New Leake Primary School. Over 200 tonnes of hardcore was repurposed from our works and given back to the community to support the build of a new car park. Not only did this help work towards recycling materials for our planet, but as a good neighbour, it also ensures the safety of both pupils and parents as they no longer have to use the busy road at peak times.



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



The Viking Link team has been working alongside its contractor to clear the Donington Graveyard in preparation for the return of historic navigator, Captain Matthew Flinders. Flinders was a British navigator and cartographer who led

the first inshore circumnavigation of mainland Australia. Born in Donington in March 1774, Flinders died, aged 40, on 19 July 1814. The location of his grave was lost by the mid-19th century, but archaeologists announced in January 2019 that his remains had been identified. Flinders remains are planned to be reinterred at the graveyard in Donington. The team supported this through volunteering to cut trees, trim branches, litter picking and raking/clearing debris from headstones.



The Viking Link project team and its contractors provided Christmas spirit by welcoming local residents in Donington and Partney to a festive lunch. The team served over 120 guests from the local community and delivered meals to those who were unable to attend in person.

A student from Boston College visited our converter station site in the summer after expressing his interest in the project. Michael is currently studying Engineering and his dream is to become a Civil Engineer. With the support of the Viking Link site team and our contractors, he spent the day out on site followed by time with the team talking about their own career journeys and experiences working in the construction industry.



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.

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