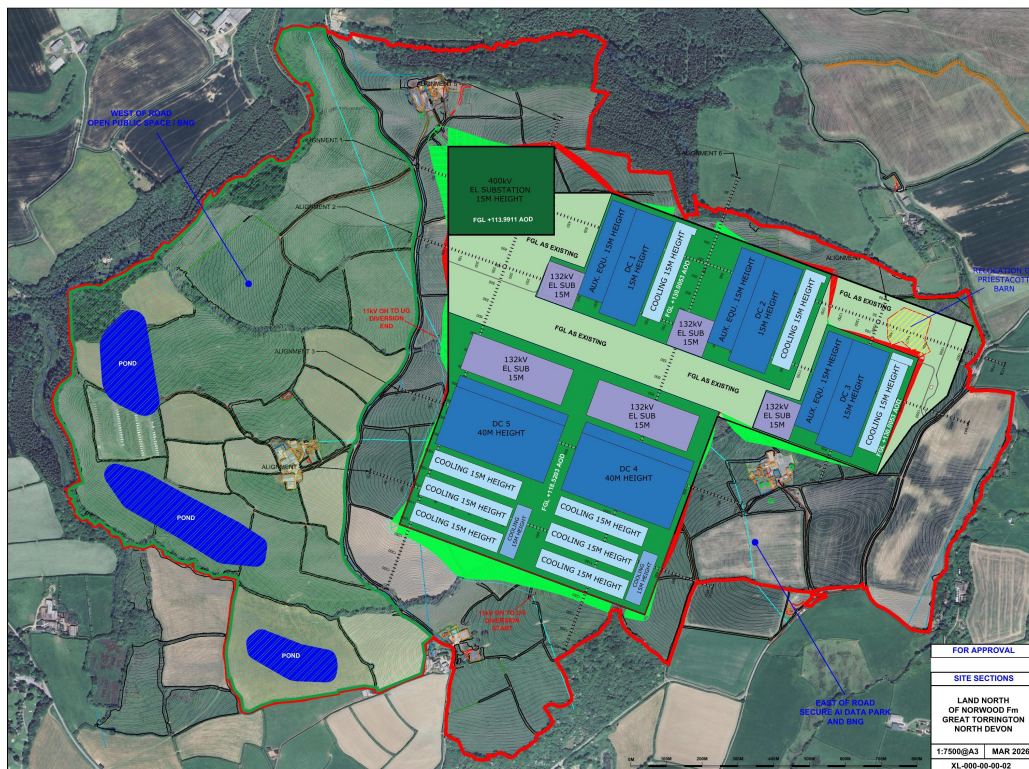


The “new proposal” the council had known about for a year

At a public meeting in June 2026, residents were told this was a new proposal. Council records show otherwise, and so does the plan below, which has never been shown to residents.

- Substantive engagement between the developer and Torridge District Council goes back to at least 25 March 2025, over a year before residents were told this was new.
- A letter of “in-principle support” was issued by the council on 10 April 2025, before any Environmental Statement or public consultation had taken place.
- The site plan below is dated March 2026 and was already being used in internal meetings at TDC months before residents saw anything from Xlinks about the site layout. It has never been published or shown at any public event.



The developer's own site plan (Doc Ref XL-000-00-00-02, “Site Sections”, 1:7,500 @ A3, March 2026), released by Torridge District Council under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This is the actual layout: five buildings up to 40 metres tall, four electrical substations and a 400kV substation on the “secure AI data park” east of the road, not the image on Xlinks' own website.

Key point: This is the plan the council was working from before residents were told anything was being proposed at all. (drawing dated March 2026) Compare it to what Xlinks has shown the public.

Sources: Council Knowledge Timeline entries for 25 March 2025 and 10 April 2025, released by Torridge District Council under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (ref #11154, response dated 18 August 2026); site plan Doc Ref XL-000-00-00-02, same release.