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Dear Jonathan

**OPEN LETTER ON THE RIIO-2 FRAMEWORK**

I am writing regarding Ofgem's recent open letter regarding "RIIO-2" and in response to the consultation exercise which you are currently undertaking.

The Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) represents private and public sector organisations working to grow the local economy, attract new jobs and investment, and increase prosperity.

There is currently an unprecedented demand for employment land in Coventry and Warwickshire, and we have made great steps forward in improving land supply through the Local Plan process and by securing funding for highways and infrastructure works which have provided access to sites which will accommodate growth – particularly in the advanced manufacturing and automotive sectors.

However, the area's energy infrastructure is quickly becoming a limiting factor and currently does not have enough capacity to support Coventry and Warwickshire's growth forecasts over the next five to ten years. We are concerned that unless timely investment is made the area will lose its competitive advantage in specialist fields such as electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles if auto manufacturers and suppliers are forced to invest in alternative locations and the area's two universities cannot fulfill their ambitions.

I note from your letter that one of the principles set out of RIIO-2 is "giving consumers a stronger voice in setting outputs, shaping and assessing business plans" and in CWLEP's role in representing the business community here I would urge Ofgem to ensure that timely provision of capacity is a key objective of the regulatory review. This will be critical regional growth here in Coventry and Warwickshire, and I am sure that this will be the case across the country.

Yours sincerely  
**Jonathan Browning**



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