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Dear Anna Kulharvy

Determination on Enhancing Pre-existing Infrastructure outputs and allowed expenditure adjustment within National Grid Electricity Transmission's RIIO ET1 price control (electricity transmission licence special condition 6G)

Thank you for the opportunity of responding to your consultation on the 'determination on enhancing pre-existing infrastructure outputs and allowed expenditure adjustment'.

Natural England's purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Natural England has responsibility for ensuring that England's unique natural environment including its flora and fauna, land and seascapes, geology and soils are protected and improved.

Natural England welcomes National Grids implementation of its Visual Impact Provision (VIP) policy, the establishment of the VIP Stakeholder Advisory Group and the Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI).

Natural England agree with National Grids assessment that the initial five LEI projects are consistent with the VIP policy, that they meet LEI project criteria and that the projects will help mitigate the impact of existing transmission infrastructure in these highly valued landscapes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Burney".

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