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Dear Anna

**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)**

The Campaign for National Parks is the only national charity dedicated to campaigning to protect and promote all of the National Parks of England and Wales.

We work with a wide variety of people and organisations, representing shared concerns, views and voices. We come together to address issues affecting National Parks and take action to keep these beautiful places safe. It is our belief that the Parks of England and Wales are national treasures that are worth fighting for.

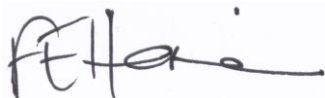
The Campaign for National Parks, alongside organisations such as Campaign to Protect Rural England, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales and Friends of the Peak District, was responsible for the campaigning that led in 2012 to Ofgem creating the £500m provision to reduce the impact of the existing transmission network in Great Britain. We fully endorsed this move by the industry regulator and I and my predecessors have served as a member of the Stakeholder Advisory Group to National Grid's Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project since it began in 2014.

It was the Stakeholder Advisory Group, chaired by the environmentalist, Chris Baines, that first suggested to National Grid that the Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI) be created as part of VIP to ensure that a wider group of eligible National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty benefitted from the £500m provision as well as those fortunate enough to be shortlisted for the major civil engineering projects. We maintain that this is a vital element of the VIP project and as a result is a worthy recipient of funding under the £500m provision that Ofgem has made available.

We believe that the seven projects for which National Grid is requesting funding in the second round of LEI applications will make a significant positive contribution to the landscape of the five areas that would receive funding. We also note the wider benefits of the projects set out in Ofgem's letter to stakeholders dated 18 December. **In response to that letter we would like to take the opportunity to express our full support for the expenditure adjustment required to National Grid's licence which would allow the funding to be released.**

The VIP project, and the LEI as part of it, has the potential to make a significant positive difference in some of our most beautiful landscapes. We would like to thank Ofgem for championing this initiative and hope that LEI will continue to deliver positive benefits in future funding rounds within the RIIO ET1 price control.

Yours sincerely



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