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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)

I am writing in support of Ofgem's determination on our funding request for additional projects under the Landscape Enhancement Initiative (LEI) scheme. These projects are in the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), Dorset AONB, New Forest, Peak District and Snowdonia. The costs that we have submitted for the projects totals £1.2m. This includes their development plus actual expenditure.

We are pleased that Ofgem's approval of these projects will help to greatly contribute to the enhancement of the landscapes in these areas. We note the government's recent publication of a 25 year environment plan¹; part of which sets out a strategy to "conserve and enhance natural beauty" in England's most beautiful landscapes. The approval of the LEI projects should be viewed as a great first step in helping to achieve part of this strategy.

With regard to the proposed licence changes, we are in agreement with the general draft. We'd also like to take the opportunity to clarify some of the EPI output figures in Schedule 1, which we believe may be different to our understanding. I'd be happy to contact you separately to discuss.

We look forward to working with you on the next round of LEI and Visual Impact Provision submissions.

Yours sincerely

[by email]

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/25-year-environment-plan>