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Dear Cissie

I have received notification of the Ofgem consultation on the Dorset AONB VIP project.

Whilst we are not in a position to comment on the efficiency of the costings in the proposal Natural England has worked closely with the National Grid in developing the Dorset VIP project. We fully support and endorse the benefits of the project and consider that the works once completed will have a highly significant beneficial impact on the protected landscapes of the Dorset AONB. Further, we are satisfied that the scheme has fully mitigated impacts to biodiversity interests and look forward to continuing to work with the National Grid and its partners through the construction phases.

Best wishes,

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Natural England.