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Dear Min

**Consultation on our assessment of National Grid's proposal for reducing visual amenity impacts in the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

This response is from SP Transmission plc (SPT) the onshore Transmission Owner (TO) for the South of Scotland. As a TO we are subject to the RIIO-T1 price control framework and must ensure that we develop an economic, efficient and coordinated onshore transmission system.

SPT support the scheme set out by National Grid for Dorset AONB which appears to be well considered and supported by a broad range of stakeholders. SPT have engaged with all TO's through the course of RIIO T1, as highlighted in this consultation, on our collective approach to visual amenity to ensure co-ordination is achieved in this area for the best interest of consumers and stakeholders. We have developed our own Visual Amenity Policy (VIEW)<sup>1</sup> and are preparing EPI projects for submission during RIIO-T1.

SPT would like to note that whilst this particular engineering led approach may be appropriate for Dorset AONB, it should be acknowledged that a landscape led approach may be appropriate in other areas. Stakeholder engagement carried out collectively amongst the TO's does support a range of methods in addressing the visual impact of pre-existing infrastructure.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/view\\_project.aspx](https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/view_project.aspx)