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Dear Future Charging and Access team

**RE: Consultation on refined residual charging banding in the Targeted Charging Review**

Cambridgeshire County Council objects to the removal of embedded benefits afforded renewables under the reforms proposed under the Targeted Charging Review for the following reasons:

- The reforms will make it harder and more expensive for the UK to achieve the third and fourth carbon budgets.
- The reforms will make reaching net zero carbon by 2050 more expensive by relying on higher unit cost renewable energy, such as off-shore wind. This cost will necessarily be passed onto customers, which goes against OFGEM's remit of lowering costs to customers.
- Independent analysis has demonstrated that the TCR will set back investment in solar generation projects, however solar is needed as it acts in a complementary manner to wind energy.
- We argue that with these reforms the expressed desire to create a level playing field has not been achieved, as there are still incentives in place that support fossil fuels.

Yours sincerely

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