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Dear Dale,

Please find below the response to the current OFGEM consultation (closing date 15th January) from National Parks England (NPE). I represent NPE on the VIP project Stakeholder Advisory Group.

*National Parks England fully support National Grid's Visual Impact Provision project to underground transmission lines and remove pylons at Dunford Bridge. The proposal to underground a 2km section of overhead line and remove 7 pylons east of the Woodhead Tunnel near Dunford Bridge, is a bold and innovative project that will have a transformational impact on the landscape of this sensitive location. Being on the edge of the Peak District National Park, the landscape will benefit from the removal of the electricity transmission infrastructure along the Trans Pennine Trail, the Upper Don Valley and in the village of Dunford Bridge, helping to conserve and enhance this important landscape. Views and visual amenity of visitors and residents will be improved, and the landscape will be transformed for generations to come.*

*The undergrounding will bring long term landscape, recreation and economic benefits and will enhance this accessible gateway to the Peak District National Park, for local people and visitors alike.*

*The project has brought together local stakeholders such as the Peak District National Park, Barnsley Council, Natural England, Trans Pennine Trail Office, Dunford Parish Council and CPRE. This collaborative method of developing a complex project holds much promise for improving the landscape of National Parks and marks a major investment in their future.*

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this email and its contents.

With kind regards,

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Landscape Officer  
New Forest National Park Authority.