

Received via email [Dated 22 March  
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Dear Saffron

I have recently received the information below from SSE with regards to their proposal to underground electricity cables around Killin.

As a director of the Killin & Ardeonaig Community Trust I have been involved in several discussions with fellow Trust members, SSE and Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park with regards to the proposal. I would agree that there is general support for the concept of pylon removal, however I believe more effort in delivering a wider benefits should be included within the final proposal, and SSE should be required to discuss proposals for wider community benefit with the local development trust, the community council, LLTNP and local landowners.

It is noted that the eligible mitigation works under VISTA include '*recreation and social activities which can be linked to the improvements of visual amenities & other mitigation measures identified during stakeholder consultations*'. Through its recent Community Place Plan consultation process the local community expressed a strong desire to upgrade and improve cycle paths and walkways around the village. It is recognised that the delivery of better and more accessible walking and cycling infrastructure would greatly benefit the health and wellbeing of the local community as well as improving the attractiveness of the area to tourists, and as such benefiting the local economy. The works proposed through the VISTA project and the wider mitigation works available would seem an opportunity to contribute towards these aims, and ensure that the widest possible benefit is delivered.

Also, I am aware that similar works taken forward by SSE in Lochgilphead produced agreement to link in access tracks and other groundworks to the existing path and cycle network following discussion with community organisations there. As such I hope that a similar positive discussion and commitment to delivering the widest possible community benefit can be delivered in Killin.

Yours,  
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