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Good afternoon, Saffron Shemsin,

I am responding to the OFGEM consultation on the Killin VISTA proposal. I expressed my strong approval for this work to SSEN some months ago and now I am glad to have the opportunity to reinforce my support by informing OFGEM also. I am a resident of Killin and therefore consider myself as a stakeholder.

The cost of £22.5 is high and one can only regret that the visual impact was not taken into account when the pylons/towers were erected in the first place. However, I do believe that their belated removal, with the undergrounding of the cables, will be visually and environmentally beneficial for the community in Killin and the many visitors who come here to enjoy the surroundings. The views around the village will be greatly enhanced. Thus, I consider this will be money well spent.

This project is also in keeping with the aims of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, within which the scheme occurs. It is one of the purposes of NPs to improve the visual amenities of the landscapes within their jurisdiction.

My main concern is where the cables have to pass under the Dochart River; this must involve some tricky engineering, if the river bed and banks are to be safeguarded. I urge great caution in this particular operation.

I also hope that all land disturbance over the route of pylon clearance will be re-instated and that no permanent tracks will remain.

Yours sincerely Tim Fison