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Dear Saffron Shensin

KILLIN VISTA PROJECT

I am writing in response to your consultation on the SSE VISTA proposal to undertake improvement works on the electricity transmission infrastructure in Killin. KAT considered the SSE public consultation last year and has now reviewed your consultation document.

We noted that 31 towers and associated overhead lines between the substation in Glen Lochay and Lix Toll will be removed and replaced by underground cables. The cables will pass under the River Dochart and will be transferred back to the overhead lines near Lix Toll by means of wooden poles.

Residents asked SSE about access through the village on the A827 during the works and were told that the cable trench will require closure of only one side of the carriageway. We expect that SSE in carrying out the work will pay particular attention to impact on day to day village activities whilst accessing the work sites and to the sensitive environment along the route i.e. the oak woods where there is a project to sustain the woods by planting new oaks and also the drainage system in Breadalbane Park on which KAT has spent around £250,000 in recent years. SSE assured us that during the detailed design and construction phase they will be in touch with local communities to discuss sensitivities and potential mitigations.

To maximise the benefits of the Vista expenditure and recognise the disruption of the village during the work, KAT will ask SSE to take any opportunities to secure additional community benefits e.g. by replacing any of the oak trees or improving paths and tracks in the surrounding environment as part of their reinstatement activity.

With this understanding in mind, KAT sees the execution of this project as making a significant visual improvement to the village which will enhance its attractiveness to visitors and residents and thus trade for local accommodation and hospitality businesses. This and the likely environmental improvement align well with KAT's objectives and we therefore support the application to OFGEM particularly in respect of your assessment of benefits.

I am copying this letter to Louise Anderson at SSE

Yours sincerely

Liz Stevens

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