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Dear Ms Bruce and Mr Twomey,

## The management and coordination of connection offers in Mid Suffolk

I am writing to you following the letter sent to you by Cllr Andy Mellen and Cllr Andrew Stringer of Mid Suffolk District Council, on 19 February.

In the face of the government's Pathway to 2030 for the decarbonisation of the electricity system, which I consider to be both unnecessarily rapid, and counterproductive because it further undermines community acceptance of new energy infrastructure, coordination is needed to reduce the adverse impacts. Therefore, the coordination of new connection offers, and the careful consideration of the location of any new Grid Supply Points, is essential.

This is because, as has been pointed out, it is necessary to ensure the adverse impacts are minimised, whilst at the same time, opportunities for economic growth and decarbonisation are fully realised. Only with coordination and cooperation between project promoters, National Grid, UKPN, and Suffolk's Local Authorities, can the best outcomes be achieved for the communities, environment, and economy of the county.

Yours sincerely



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