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Dear Sirs,

Cotswolds VIP Project - Request for Cleeve Common Byelaws Permission

On behalf of the Trustees of Cleeve Common Trust, I write in response to your letter of 24 October providing clarification of proposed works on the Common in connection with the NGET Cotswolds Visual Impact Provision Project. These matters were discussed in our Board meeting on 12 November.

The Trustees of Cleeve Common hereby give permission to waive such Byelaws as may be required for NGET to carry out the proposed works on the Common for the period from 1 January 2026 until 31 December 2030, recognizing that this period may need to be extended if reinstatement work cannot be completed by the latter date.

In granting this permission, the Trustees note that:

a. NGET will make a payment to Cleeve Common Trust for the purchase and installation of a temporary cattle handling system on the western side of the cable laying works. This payment should be made available before construction work begins and also allow for the costs of transferring the facility back to its current location when work is completed.

b. NGET contracts will include the requirement to translocate any reptiles removed from the construction swathe, this matter to be discussed with our Conservation Officer once contractors have been appointed.

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that our understanding on the two points above is correct.

Kind regards,

Cleeve Common Trust

Michael W Gotes