Visual Impact Provision (VIP) project

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What could be funded

LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE (LEI)

Here are examples of projects that the LEI is likely to fund in the future.

Localised tree planting and / or woodland creation

With the aim to:

- Screen or filter specific views of pylons or sections of 400 kV OHL (overhead line)
- Re-focus or channel views affected by 400 kV OHL (overhead line)
- Where appropriate increase tree cover to filter views and / or enhance general visual amenity of areas affected by 400 kV OHL;
- Enhance the quality, condition and / or special qualities of the landscape.



Management, re-planting and / or planting of new hedgerows

With the aim to:

- Enhance the quality / condition of the landscape;
- Screen or filter specific views of pylons or sections of 400 kV OHL;
- Restore characteristic landscape features where appropriate, e.g. reinstatement of historic field boundaries.



Changes to trails, footpaths, cycleways and riding routes

These might include:

- Localised diversions which may move people away from 400 kV OHL infrastructure and / or re-focus people's views away from the OHL;
- New trails which may offer alternative routes for walkers, cyclists or horse riders with the aim to re-focus views away from 400 kV OHL infrastructure and/ or allow people to appreciate the landscape with fewer views of the OHL.



Projects that enhance the special qualities of landscape and may also benefit biodiversity

Landscape works which enhance the landscape and also biodiversity. Such enhancements may include habitat creation; in particular where such habitats are considered to contribute towards the special qualities of the AONB or National Park.



Projects that enhance the special qualities of landscape and may also benefit cultural heritage

■ Landscape works which enhance the landscape and also the setting of cultural heritage assets such as Scheduled Monuments which may be affected by 400 kV OHL infrastructure.

