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Dear Sir/Madam,

Eastern Green Link 1 – Park and Ride Facility – Planning Application

We are writing from Eastern Green Link 1 (EGL1), a two-gigawatt high voltage direct current link, to be built between East Lothian and Hawthorn Pit in County Durham. Works to construct EGL1 started in March 2025, with the link expected to be fully operational by 2029.

As part of the project, contractor Metlen Energy & Metals will shortly be submitting a planning application for a park and ride facility, located on vacant development land within Dunbar Business Park, to the east of Dunbar Garden Centre and adjacent to the East Coast Main Line.

The facility will be used for the vehicles of workers constructing the new Converter Station, which is located at Oxwellmains and next to Viridor's Energy Recovery Facility, with the park and ride expected to accommodate up to 230 vehicles.

The use of a Park and Ride Facility aims to **minimise** the traffic impact across the local highway network, by allowing workers to be transported collectively to the site, rather than travelling in individual vehicles.

The proposed route to the site will travel via the A1, and then onto the site of the new converter station. The route returning from site will be via the A1087/Spott Road.

We anticipate that there may be some traffic impact on local roads at peak times, but have located the proposed park and ride facility to minimise the impact on local residents. All relevant traffic authorities will also have input into the planning process.

As with all planning decisions, all relevant documentation will be submitted to East Lothian Council for a final decision and will be available on their planning portal for comment at www.eastlothian.gov.uk.

The application is anticipated to be submitted in August. The facility will not be put into use until formally approved by East Lothian Council.

All comments regarding the planning application should be made to East Lothian Council, who will be making the relevant determinations.

Yours sincerely,

EGL1 Community Relations Team

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