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Dear Ms Cooper

### **Coire Glas Grid Connection Consultation**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposed route options for the Coire Glas Grid Connection project.

Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with more than 15,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and snowsports tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

Our interests lie with the perceptions of landscape and its wild qualities. Walkers and climbers move through the landscape to mountain destinations, they are not static observers of landscape. It is therefore the overall effect of the proposed project as it is viewed in the landscape that is important.

In this proposal the focus of our interests lies with Ben Tee and Sròn a Choire Ghairbh, and the routes to and from the summits.

Mountaineering Scotland endorses your assessment of Site Option CG1 as the preferred option for the Switching Station. We do not consider CG3 as a suitable option as there would be a substantial adverse visual impact on the landscape for walkers taking access to Ben Tee.

We also endorse Route Option CG-LL1 as the preferred option as your assessment of this route indicates minimal visual impact of the towers from walkers accessing Ben Tee and Sròn a Choire Ghairbh.

Yours sincerely



**Davie Black**  
**Access & Conservation Officer**  
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