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Dear Department,

**PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR SMALL SCALE RENEWABLE AND
LOW CARBON ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING
INFRASTRUCTURE**

I am responding on behalf of the British Hydropower Association (BHA) to the consultation on permitted development rights for small scale renewable and low carbon energy technologies, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

The BHA is the trade association for the UK hydropower industry. With around 150 members, the Association represents a wide range of interests: consulting engineering, design, manufacture, investment and operation, and specialist service providers. The BHA represents generators from small owner-operators to large UK and international companies.

The interests of the BHA relate only to the consultation's references to hydropower. We agree with the proposal for structures to house hydro-turbines on agricultural and forestry premises, but we are concerned that they are so restricted. The consultation document does not explain why the provisions for hydropower up to 50kW are so narrow. Although it would not be applicable to many schemes we believe the provisions should be widened to include other landowners.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Adrian Abbott'.

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