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Dear Mr Tilley,

**SCREENING DECISION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER THE
ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT)
(ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 (“THE 2017
REGULATIONS”)**

NAME OF SCHEME: COPGROVE WESTWICK SW - WESTWICK MOR TD

Screening decision for a proposed development (“the proposed development”)
to:

- Remove 7 x poles to dismantle existing line, and:
- Install 8 x new poles and stay lines to divert line in order to resolve safety clearance issues with low voltage line and buildings on site.

The proposed development requires Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and are subject to the 2017 Regulations.

The Secretary of State has considered the factors set out in Schedule 3 of the 2017 Regulations, together with the information within the supplied documentation (“the Application”) by Northern Power Grid (Northeast) Ltd (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the Harrogate Borough Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:

1. The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA).

2. The proposed development falls under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is to be installed above ground in a sensitive area.
3. The proposed development falls within an Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) of the Bishop Monkton Ings Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and as such Natural England were consulted for their views.
4. Natural England had no comment to make, as per communications on 8 November 2022, as the Applicant considered the development would have no likely significant effect on the SSSI.
5. The Northern end of the proposed development falls within the Newby Hall Registered Park and Garden. Historic England were consulted regarding the proposed development and concluded that there will be no substantial harm caused by the works.
6. The LPA were consulted and had no objection to the proposed development.

Taking account of the abovementioned factors and information received, the Secretary of State concludes that the proposed works are not EIA development under the 2017 Regulations and do not require a statutory EIA as they are unlikely to have significant effects on the environment due to their nature, location and size. A copy of this letter has been sent to the LPA for information.

Yours sincerely,

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