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Dear Mrs Moore,

**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: Bleathwood Lodges**

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

- Upgrade four spans of existing 11kV overhead line from 2-wire to 3-wire and install one additional pole

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 National Grid Electricity Distribution (West Midlands) PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the Shropshire Council and the Herefordshire Council (“the LPAs”). In particular, in reaching her 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 within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) related to the River Teme SSSI.



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3. Natural England were consulted regarding the IRZ and had no comment to make as per communication with the Applicant on 4 August 2023 (Natural England reference: 446866).
4. The LPAs were consulted and had no objection to the proposed development.
5. The LPAs concluded that the proposed development is relatively modest in nature and will not have any lasting adverse impact on the wider landscape.

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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