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Your ref: ENQ23027510 - Beacon Farm, Beacon Way, Whitby,
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Dear Miss McKinnell,

**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: ENQ23027510 BEACON FARM, BEACON WAY,
WHITBY, YO22 5HS.**

A screening decision is required for a proposal which is in the North York Moors National Park and will involve the building of a new section of 11kV overhead line for 3 phase working, consisting of 4 x 100mm AAAC phase conductor supported on wooden poles, together with the recovery of a section of 11kV overhead line which will have a total route length of approximately 300 metres at Beacon Farm, Beacon Way, Whitby, YO22 5HS (the “proposed works”)

The proposed works require 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 supplied by Northern PowerGrid (Northeast) Limited (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed works and the views of the North York Moors National Park Authority (“the LPA”) In reaching his decision, the Secretary of State notes the following factors:



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- The proposed works do not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);
- The proposed works fall under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is to be installed above ground in a sensitive area.
- The Secretary of State notes that proposed works are within the North York Moors National Park and that the LPA made no comments or raised any concerns in their Form b return, dated 19 May 2022.
- However, the Secretary of State informed the applicant on 14 July 2022, that Annex A of the Form b was not included with the LPA's original Form b reply. The Secretary of State notes that the applicant went back to the LPA and a completed Annex A was returned to the Secretary of State on 15 July 2022; the LPA stated in their Annex A return that the proposed works would not have a severe or widespread adverse impact on the environment and that the proposed works is in accordance with policies contained in the adopted Local Plan and therefore they had no objections.
- In regards to archaeological impacts, the Applicant made contact with the LPA's Head of Historic Environment on 4 May 2022, who raised no concerns regarding the overhead line work but requested further information on the nature of the trenching required. The Applicant provided this further information on 23 May 2022, with the LPA replying on the same date stating that archaeological monitoring of the groundworks should be undertaken. The Secretary of State agrees with this assessment and that archaeological monitoring should take place.
- The applicant sought the views of Natural England on 12 May 2022; Natural England raised no concerns to the proposed works.

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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