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Dear Mr Birt,

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

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

- Upgrade a 200m section of 11 kilovolt overhead electricity line by adding a third wire to the existing line.

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 (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Shropshire 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 is within an Impact Risk Zone for the River Teme Site of Special Scientific Interest (“the SSSI”) and the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (“the AONB”). The applicant has included a preliminary ecological report with the application as a result from a survey of the route of the line. The report highlighted various habitats and species that were found or could be found near the line, as well as listing recommendations to how the work will be carried out to avoid any harm to habitats or species in the area.

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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