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Dear Miss Bates,

**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: 3643653 ASHORNE SOLAR

Decision:

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.

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

- Modify an existing 132kV tower with the installation of approximately 18 metres of overhead line
- Install a H Pole



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Secretary of State considerations:

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 Stratford-on-Avon District Council (“the LPA”). 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 under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The applicant consulted with Natural England via email and received no comments regarding the development on 29 January 2024 (reference: 463411).
4. Public Notices regarding the proposed development were posted in The Leamington Observer on 12 January 2024 for two consecutive weeks. No representations were received regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 16 February 2024.
5. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development as “based on the location of the overhead line and type and characteristics...the proposed overhead lines are not likely to have a significant effect on the environment” 28 March 2024 (planning reference: 24/00112/ELEC).

Yours sincerely,

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