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Dear Miss Jessica 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:

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:

- Modifying an existing 132 kV tower by installing downleads to connect from the existing angle tower to new anchor blocks.



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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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impact on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Rushcliffe Borough (“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 a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone associated with Rushcliffe Golf Course (SSSI).
4. The LPA were consulted on 10th January 2024 regarding the proposed development. The LPA concluded that, “any impact on the significance of nearby heritage assets through their settings is unlikely to be affected by the proposed works” and raised no objections.
5. Nottinghamshire County Council Minerals & Waste Planning Authority were consulted on 9th January 2024. They noted that “the proposed site is not in close proximity to any existing or proposed mineral extraction allocation sites or find any existing waste management facilities in the vicinity of the proposed development to raise any concerns”.
6. Natural England (NE) were consulted on 9th January 2024 regarding the SSSI IRZ designation, and the applicant received no comments regarding the development on 24th January 2024 via email (reference:463624).
7. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and not likely to have a significant effect on the Natural Landscape.

Yours sincerely,

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