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Dear Catherine Howard,

**DIRECTION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 35(1) OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008 RELATING TO A PROPOSED LITHIUM MINE AT TRELAVOUR DOWNS, CORNWALL**

I refer to your email of 05 July 2024 and additional information provided on 13 August 2024 relating to the above legislative provisions and requesting that the Secretary of State give a Direction allowing the project to be treated as development of national significance for which a Development Consent Order is required under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008.

The Secretary of State has considered this request and accordingly directs that the project can be treated as development requiring a Development Consent Order is required under the Planning Act 2008. The Direction itself is separately enclosed.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the Direction to the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely

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