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Dear Mr Chandler,

**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: SEABOROUGH COURT - UPGRADE

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:

- Upgrade 750 metres of an existing split phase 11 kV overhead line to three phase
- Install four new poles
- Replace five poles due to condition



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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 Dorset 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 falls within a designated sensitive area:
 - Dorset National Landscape
4. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 8 April 2024 (planning reference: P/STA/2024/00822).
5. The LPA consulted with Natural England regarding the designation and Natural England had no objections to the development.
6. The Dorset National Landscape Team submitted no objections to the works based on the clarifications provided by the Applicant for the proposed development, on 10 April 2024.
7. In July 2024, the Applicant submitted company directive documents; ‘Oil and Fuel Spill Prevention, Reporting, Containment and Response Actions’, and ‘Relating to Pollution Prevention Measures - Distribution System Equipment’ published May 2022 and ‘Disposal of Poles’ and ‘Operational Site Flood Risk Planning and Mitigation’ published October 2023. These documents set out pollution prevention measures, with mitigations such as the use of spill kits, the safe disposal of waste and producing an on-site flood action plan.
8. The Environment Agency was consulted due to the works being in a flood risk zone and on 6 August 2024 submitted no concerns with the proposed development as the works are not near on a main river.
9. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is located.



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Yours sincerely,

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