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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: Bagworth Road

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:

- Dismantle 1 x existing 132kV tower (AP09) and construct replacement tower (AP09R) with two new 132kV gantries to provide connection point for a new solar farm



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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 (East Midlands) PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (“the LPA”). 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The proposed development does not fall within any sensitive areas.
4. The LPA were consulted regarding the proposed development and had no objection (ref: 24/00446/OHL).
5. Ecological surveys were conducted by Contract Ecology Ltd on 16 April and 28 May 2024 – these were conducted to determine if site conditions had changed since previous surveys conducted in 2021 by RPS Group Plc (“Stoneshollow Solar Farm – Ecological Appraisal”, reference: ECO01685). Contract Ecology Ltd confirmed that there are no obvious constraints to the proposed development in communications on 17 June 2024.
6. Natural England were consulted and confirmed in communications on 17 May 2024 they had no comment to make on the proposed development (Natural England reference: 476335).
7. Public Notices regarding the proposed development were posted in local newspapers on 24 & 31 July 2024. No representations were received regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 27 August 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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