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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: 4683816 - CHARMOUTH ROAD CAR PARK

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:

- Replace two poles within a span of approximately 499m of 11kV overhead line to accommodate an upgraded PMT



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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 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 the Dorset National Landscape.
4. The local AONB unit were consulted and responded on 7 June 2023 with no objection to the proposed development “as the site is adjacent to a car park and close to the built-up edge of the town...unlikely to significantly change the natural beauty of the area”.
5. Natural England were consulted by the Applicant and responded with no comment regarding the development on 8 June 2023.
6. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the development and concluded that an EIA is not required on 7 June 2024 (planning reference: P/STA/2024/02495).
7. 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.

Yours sincerely,

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