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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: WEST BAY ROAD CAR PARK - EV CHARGER
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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:

- Impose an H Pole to support the installation of a 315KvA pole mounted transformer



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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 the Dorset National Landscape.
4. The LPA’s National Landscape unit was consulted, responding on 2 August 2023 with no comments on the proposed development.
5. The Applicant consulted with Natural England who confirmed in communications on 9 May 2024 that they had no comments to make on the proposed development (reference: 474539).
6. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the development and concluded that an EIA is not required as “the transformer and pole works are unlikely to lead to visual impacts as the work is in an existing car park, in a built-up area and near an electricity substation” on 18 June 2024 (planning reference: P/STA/2024/02522).

Yours sincerely,

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