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Dear Mr Willmott

**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:** GLOS/41/AAW/CHAMBERSFARM  
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:

- Add a third wire to 640m of existing 11kV overhead line.
- Replace existing transformer to support single phase to three phase.
- Replace 5 wood poles, erect an additional pole to aid the transformer upgrade and add 3 additional stays.



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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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Stroud District 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 Cotswold National Landscapes.
4. The proposed development falls within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone associated with Range Farm Fields (SSSI).
5. The Applicant consulted the LPA. The LPA concluded their checks on 19 July 2024 and raised no objections on the proposed development.
6. The Applicant consulted with Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL) on 28 October 2024. The CNL concluded their checks and had no concerns.
7. An Ecology Survey was carried out on 16 April 2024 by GE Consulting Services (UK) Limited (reference: 2355-NG-VB). The survey determined that the area of proposed works comprises primarily pasture with a short sward bound by managed and unmanaged native species hedgerows and mature trees. The survey also found numerous records of great crested newts in proximity to the works. The Ecology survey outlined mitigations which will be followed by Applicant to minimise the risk of impacts on these species.
8. The Applicant consulted Natural England (NE) 6 August 2024. NE concluded that “the development is not close to or within a Habitats SSSI and had no comments to make on this consultation.”
9. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and not likely to have a significant effect on the Natural Landscape.



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Yours sincerely,

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