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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: CW51952 - ROYLE FARM – 3812034**

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:

- Modify a 132 kV tower to facilitate a connection to a battery storage site



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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 South Derbyshire 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. In March 2024, an Ecology Impact Assessment by SLR Consulting was produced on behalf of the applicant. The document detailed a list of mitigation measures to be undertaken during the development, including the presence of Ecological Clerk of Works on site and assessment of root protection zones.
4. Due to the development site being located within an IRZ, the applicant consulted Natural England who responded with no comments on 17 May 2024 (reference: 475911).
5. The applicant published notices in The Burton Mail from 24 June 2024 to 8 July 2024 in accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990. No representations were received regarding the proposed development.
6. Derbyshire County Council were also consulted by the applicant who responded on 19 August 2024 by email correspondence. They stated, “... the County Planning Authority has no adverse comment regarding this proposal. Neither do we feel that the nature or scale of the proposal amounts to a significant cumulative impact.”
7. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 17 October 2024 (reference: DMPN/2024/0684).

Yours sincerely,

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