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Dear Mr Bray,

**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: GODOLPHIN CROSS

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:

- Upgrade 320 metres of an existing 11kV overhead line to 3 wires



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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 Cornwall 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 Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site and Godolphin Registered Park and Garden.
4. Natural England were consulted by the Applicant and responded with no objection to the proposed development on 2 February 2024.
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the development and concluded that an EIA is not required on 7 March 2024 (planning reference: PA24/00489).
6. Historic England were consulted and referred the DNO to advisors on Registered Parks and at the World Heritage Site (WHS) Office 12 June 2024.
7. The advisor for Registered Parks responded on 17 June 2024 with no comments on the proposed development.
8. Cornish Mining WHS Office submitted no objection as “the line upgrade proposals are not considered to harm the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site” 25 June 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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