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Your ref: Nash Point Lighthouse WADJT010

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Dear Mr Thorne,

**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: NASH POINT LIGHTHOUSE WADJT010**

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 single 10 metre pole with an 11-metre pole in an existing 11kV overhead line
- Upgrade existing 16kVA transformer to 50kVA



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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 Vale of Glamorgan 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 Nash Lighthouse Meadow SSSI.
4. The Applicant consulted with CADW who confirmed on 25 April 2024 that they had no comments on the proposed development.
5. The Applicant consulted with the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust (GGAT), who confirmed in communications on 25 April 2024 that they had no objections to the proposed development. They noted that given the limited scale of the proposal, “it is unlikely that significant archaeological remains will be encountered.”
6. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who noted no objection to the development on 14 August 2024 and concluded that an EIA is not required.
7. An ecological walkover was conducted at the site of the proposed development and the subsequent “Ecological Survey” was issued on 20 June 2024 by Amber Environmental Consultancy Ltd. The site was identified as being located within an area of short, species-rich grassland. This habitat has the potential to support reptiles such as slow worms. To minimise potential impacts on these species, mitigation measures have been proposed. These include following the conditions submitted by Natural Resources Wales, ensuring that any works are undertaken during the active season for reptiles and implementing precautions to prevent oil spills during the transformer exchange, with spills kits readily available on site.
8. The Applicant consulted Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regarding the designated sensitive area. On 18 December 2024, NRW granted conditional assent to the development, valid until 1 April 2025



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(reference: A004545/1). The conditions specified that vehicle access must be restricted to the designated tarmac route, soil should be removed in layers and stored in separate piles before backfilling in the correct order, and best practice biosecurity measures must be implemented during the operations, including cleaning of equipment and footwear before deployment to site. Additionally, all work must be conducted in accordance with the details provided in the notice of intent and the accompanying site plan.

Yours sincerely,

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