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Dear Mr Casson

**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: CW51383 - Horton Solar Farm

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 an existing 132kV tower to enable downleads to be attached and provide a point of connection for Horton Solar Farm.
- Erecting a new pole mounted gantry and add four new terminate wood poles.



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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 East Devon District 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The Applicant consulted the LPA on 14 June 2024. The LPA concluded their checks confirming the proposed works will not result in any significant effects on the environment and had no objections to make on the proposed development on 7 October 2024.
4. In accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, the applicant published a statutory notice to the public in the local newspaper, the Express & Echo on 11 & 18 July 2024. The Applicant received no representation regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 15 August 2024.
5. 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.

Yours sincerely,

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