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Dear Mr Gilchrist,

**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:** Mill Lane Transformer Refurbishment

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 existing 100kVA transformer.
- Install two new 10.5-meter stout 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 Dorset 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 Dorset National Landscapes and an Impact Risk Zone.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA on 9 January 2025. The LPA responded and had no comments to make on the proposed development on 14 January 2025.
5. The Applicant consulted Dorset National Landscape on 13 January 2025. Dorset National landscape responded on 13 January 2025 advising that due to the development being a like for like replacement, they do not foresee any significant concerns or impact on the natural beauty and had no objections to make.
6. The Applicant consulted Natural England (NE) on 9 January 2025. Natural England responded via email on 29 January 2025 advising that based on the information provided and given the nature and scale of the development NE had no objections to make.
7. 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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