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Dear Mr Greco,

**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: WINKBURN AX25

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:

- install a new 'chair structure' to connect via down-leads to 1 no. existing tower as part of a 132kV, 18 metre line.



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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 Nottinghamshire County 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. The line is also located in Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland (ANSW) and an Impact Risk Zone (IRZ).
3. In September 2024, Archer Ecology produced a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) on behalf of the applicant. The PEA concluded that the proposed works would impact the surrounding ANSW and deciduous woodland priority habitats. Mitigations such as the use of ground protection mats and replacement planting of hedgerow.
4. The applicant consulted with Natural England regarding the Impact Risk Zone, they responded with no objection to the development on 11 November 2024.
5. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection. The LPA concluded that this development is not EIA on 15 November 2024.
6. In December 2024, Treetec Consultancy produced an arboriculture survey and method statement on behalf of the applicant. The survey concluded that the removal of a small section of hedgerow and three trees would be required. This would not have a significant impact on the health and appearance of the remaining trees.
7. In accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, the applicant published a statutory notice to the public in the local newspaper, Mansfield, Ashfield and Sherwood News Journal from 31 January 2025 to 28 February 2025. The applicant received no objections to the development.

Yours sincerely,

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