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Dear Mrs Copeland,

**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: ENQ23198433 U19046657 - BURGH TOP 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:

- Upgrade approximately fifty-eight metres of 20kV overhead line to three phase
- Upgrade existing pole mounted transformer
- Remove two poles

## 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 Northern Powergrid (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of East Lindsey District 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 the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape.
4. Historic England (HE) was consulted regarding the proposed works located approximately 280 metres south of the Neolithic Long Barrow Scheduled Monument. In their response dated 29 January 2025, HE confirmed that Scheduled Monument Consent would not be required. However, it was recommended that contractors be well briefed to avoid any potential damage during site access, particularly under wet conditions.
5. Natural England (NE) was consulted and in the response dated 4 February 2025 (reference: 501453), confirmed that they had no comments on the proposed development.
6. The Applicant consulted with the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, which, in correspondence dated 10 February 2025, expressed no objections to the proposal.
7. The Lincolnshire Heritage Officer was consulted and, in their response dated 10 March 2025, stated that no archaeological recommendations were necessary due to the ‘limited extent of groundworks’.
8. The Applicant consulted with the LPA, who raised no objections to the development and concluded that an EIA was not required, stating on 4 June 2025 that ‘it is not considered to have a harmful impact on the area’ (planning reference: 02089/25/FMB).
9. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is located.