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Dear Mr Wolfe,

**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: WEST RAVENDALE REBUILD**

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 567m of 11kV overhead line to three phase
- Replace seven 11kV poles on a like for like basis
- Reposition one 11kV pole

- Install one new 11kV pole

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 North East Lincolnshire 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 Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape.
4. The North East Lincolnshire Heritage Officer was consulted and confirmed on 14 January 2025 that there were 'no heritage issues regarding the proposal'.
5. Natural England (NE) was consulted and in the response dated 16 January 2025 (reference: 498928), confirmed that they had no comments on the proposed development.
6. The Applicant consulted with the Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, which, in its correspondence dated 21 January 2025, expressed an expectation that the line would be placed underground. The Applicant acknowledged this expectation and will take it into account in future planning.
7. The Applicant consulted with the LPA, who raised no objections to the development and concluded that an EIA was not required, stating on 4 April 2025 that 'the height and length of the project are not considered to be out of character with the area' (planning reference: DM/0177/25/POW).
8. 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.

Yours sincerely,

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