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Dear Mrs Griffiths,

**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: Meadow View 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:

- Install a new 80-metre span of 132kV overhead line to connect new solar farm gantry to an existing 132kV tower

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 (West Midlands) PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Lichfield 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The proposed development falls within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone – the nearest SSSI, Stafford Brook, is in excess of 3km from the proposed development and as such no consultation with Natural England is required.
4. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and concluded that it did not constitute an EIA development as there are no likely significant environmental effects (Reference: 25/00503/OHL).
5. Public Notices regarding the proposed development were posted in local newspapers on 28 April & 5 May 2025. No representations were received regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 2 June 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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