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Your ref: Works near Rose Cottage, St Breward 5525263 TW

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Dear Mr Tom Watson,

**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: Works near Rose Cottage, St Breward 5525263 TW

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:

- The replacement of pole 43JF17C, including stay wires to ensure the pole and new equipment remains balanced.

- Installation of a new, lazy leg pole besides pole 43JF17C to upgrade the existing pole mounted transformer to 200kVA (3 phase).
- Install new earth wires, along with overlaying earth wires at pole 43JF17C to ensure adequate earthing protection is available on transformer 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 National Grid Electricity Distribution PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Cornwall 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 River Camel Valley and Tributaries, River Camel SAC and Impact Risk Zone.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA. The LPA concluded their checks and had no objections to make on the proposed development on 1 July 2025.
5. The Applicant consulted Natural England. NE responded on 14 May 2025 granting assent. NE provided the following advice below that the Applicant should consider throughout the duration of the works:
 - An Ecological survey should be undertaken two weeks prior to the proposed work.
 - A buffer zone of 100-200m around an otter breeding site and 30m around a holt which will reduce impact on otters. However, travelling routes (usually along watercourse) will need retention.
6. Natural England assent covers the period between 1 August 2025 to 31 December 2025.
7. An Ecological Survey was issued on 29 April 2025 by GE Consulting Service (UK) Limited. The report determined that the pole is very close to an established oak tree on a steep bank. At the base of the pole the vegetation comprises bracken and bramble. The vegetation at the base of the pole provides suitable habitat for common reptiles, hibernating hedgehogs and ground nesting birds, and the adjacent oak tree provides opportunity for nesting birds.

8. The proposed development is likely to adversely impact the Ecology of the site in the absence of mitigations. It is therefore recommended that the Applicant follows the recommendations outlined in the Ecological Survey to minimise the risk of impacts on Wildlife and protected species.
9. 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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