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Dear Mr John,

**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: KEESTON INTERCONNECTOR

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 11kV 430m overhead 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 Pembrokeshire County Council ("the LPA"). In particular, 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 Keeston Castle Scheduled Monument.
4. The proposed works also include the felling of three declining ash trees, one of which will be retained as a monolith to support local biodiversity
5. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 1 August 2025 (planning reference: 25/227/OHL)
6. CADW was consulted on 27 May 2025 regarding the proposed development. CADW advised on 17 June 2025 that a Method Statement would be required to be submitted to them for approval.
7. The Method Statement outlined that the works will involve low-impact excavation methods, a 3m buffer zone, and strict site protocols including staff briefings and contingency arrangements have been put in place.
8. On 15 September 2025, CADW confirmed formal approval of the submitted Method Statement and advised that the proposed works may proceed, subject to strict adherence to the specified construction methods throughout the duration of the project.

Yours sincerely,

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