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Dear Mr Bray,

**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: WESTFIELD TRANSPORT KERLEY Paddock
CHACEWATER**

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:

- Add a third wire to an existing 11kV 200 metre overhead line
- Install one wooden pole to form a H pole



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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 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 West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site (WHS).
4. The Cornish Mining World Heritage Site Office submitted no objection as “the proposals will not harm the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Site” 27 October 2025.
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who responded with no objection to the development on 29 October 2025 (planning reference: PA25/07225).
6. Natural England (NE) was consulted and confirmed they had no comments to make on the consultation on 12 November 2025 (reference: 532329).

Yours sincerely,

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