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Our ref: 2376u
Your ref: Birkhill Wood 400kV temporary OHL diversion

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Dear Ms Shaw,

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: Birkhill Wood 400kV temporary overhead line diversion

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 East Riding of Yorkshire LPA ("the LPA") for information.

Screening decision for a proposed development ("the proposed development") to:

- Temporary 1000m, 400kV overhead line diversion;

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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 PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of 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 above 132 kV and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The proposed development does not fall within any designated sensitive areas.
4. In accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, the applicant published a statutory notice to the public in the local newspaper, the Hull Daily Mail on 27 October 2025. The Applicant received no representation regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 24 November 2025.
5. In October 2025, the applicant produced an Environmental Appraisal to assess the possible risks and mitigations of the development. The survey advised that the appropriate pollution prevention measures should be laid out in a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) and pre-construction surveys should be undertaken prior to commencing work.
6. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: 25/03105/OHL) in December 2025. It concluded that the proposal is not within an environmentally sensitive location and that the proposed development, would not lead to potential environmental impacts that would result in significant effects. It is therefore not an EIA development.
7. The Secretary of State notes the current use of the land as arable farmland and that the proposed development is a temporary diversion lasting approx. 6 months. The Secretary of State therefore considers that there are no likely significant effects arising from the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste or the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity and that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effect on the landscape in which it is located in.

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Yours sincerely,

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