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Dear Mr Birt,

**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: 11KV Recon Craven Arms Mayfield Upper Affcot**

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 Shropshire Council (“the LPA”) for information.

Screening decision for a proposed development (“the proposed development”) to:

- 8 x pole replacement of existing 570m, 11kV overhead line;
- Upgrade of the line from single phase to 3-phase



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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 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 to be installed above ground in a sensitive area.
3. The proposed development falls within the following designated areas:
  - Shropshire Hills National Landscape
4. Natural England was consulted regarding the designated sensitive area in July 2025 (reference: 520226) and granted unconditional assent to the development.
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: 25/02675/OHL) in July 2025. It is noted that Wistanstow Parish Council support this application. It concluded that the proposed development is not an EIA development.
6. The Secretary of State notes the limited scale of the works, the current primary use of the land as grazing farmland, the temporary, localised nature of any impacts and that the proposed development is a minor modification to existing infrastructure. 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 National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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