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Dear Mr 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: TREWINT 3RD WIRE SCHEME 450051 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:

- Upgrade approximately 1,000 metres of existing 11kV overhead line from two-wires to three-wires
- Replace up to four existing poles



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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 the Cornwall National Landscape.
4. The Cornwall National Landscape Team was consulted on the proposed development and in the response dated 30 April 2026, raised no objections. However, it was highlighted that part of the route follows historic hedge banks and stressed the need to ensure construction activities do not adversely affect the integrity of these important features, the vegetation, biodiversity, and the ecosystem they provide.
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA, which raised no objections to the development on 12 June 2026 (planning reference: PA26/03022).
6. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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