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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: Pillocks Green 11kV Recon

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 an existing 11kV overhead line approximately 680m from two phase to three phase.



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Secretary of State considerations:

1. 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 Shropshire Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:
 - a) The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);
 - b) 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.
 - c) The proposed development is located within the Shropshire Hills National Landscape.
 - d) The Applicant consulted the LPA, which reviewed the proposed development and on 20 January 2026 concluded that the proposed development would not have a significant adverse effect on the ecology and therefore raises no objections.
 - e) The Applicant consulted Natural England (NE) on 12 March 2026, which confirmed the development is not within a Habitats Site or Site of Special Scientific (SSSI), NE is satisfied that there won’t be any significant impacts upon the site and concluded with no objections.
 - f) An Ecology Survey and Recommendations report was prepared by GE Consulting Services (UK) Ltd 2026 found that the proposed works are located within grassland, hedgerow, scrub and woodland-edge habitats, including an area adjacent to deciduous woodland Habitat of Principal Importance (HPI). The survey identified potential habitat for protected and notable species, including nesting birds, dormice, bats, reptiles and badgers. No evidence of badger activity was recorded, and great crested newts were considered unlikely to be present due to the absence of records and limited habitat connectivity. The report concluded that the proposed works are unlikely to result in significant ecological effects,



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provided that the mitigations measures and ecological supervision set out in the Ecology Survey and Recommendations report (reference: 3260-NG-MS) are implemented.

2. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing infrastructure and is not likely to have a significant effect on the National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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