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Dear Miss Dowrick,

**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: 5678631 TRERANK

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 the existing transformer to 50kVa in as part of an 11kV overhead line;
- Replace an existing 10m medium pole with a 10m stout 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 Plc (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Cornwall Council (“the LPA”). In reaching her 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 sensitive areas:
 - Mid Cornwall Moors Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
 - Breney Common and Goss and Tregoss Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
 - Goss Moor National Nature Reserve
4. In May 2026, GE Consulting produced an ecology survey on behalf of the applicant to assess the possible risks and mitigations of the development. The survey advised mitigations such as having an ecological clerk of works present during vegetation clearance and conducting a pre-works check for woodpecker holes in the pole being replaced.
5. Natural England was consulted regarding the designated sensitive areas and responded via email correspondence, “Natural England agrees that, subject to the proposed replacement of a pole and transformer being undertaken in accordance with standard best practice measures as outlined within the Ecology Survey and Recommendations Report, there will be no adverse effect on the integrity of the site.”.
6. GE Consulting produced a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) on behalf of the applicant in May 2026 which provided details on the working method, risks to protected sites, and proposed mitigation measures.



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7. Having considered the HRA and ecology survey provided by the Applicant, the Secretary of State is satisfied that there will be no likely significant effects on any National Site Network site under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. This is due to the lack of connectivity between the works and protected site.
8. In light of the proposed mitigations, the Secretary of State is satisfied that there will be no Adverse Effect on Integrity of the protected site, and this is beyond all reasonable scientific doubt.
9. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who noted no objection to the proposed development (reference: PA26/03403) in June 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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