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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: Tintagel School 433288 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:

- Install a new 315 kVa pole-mounted transformer and associated HV and LV cable connections, the repositioning and replacement of existing poles, and modifications to approximately 190 metres of overhead line.

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 Cornwall Council ("the LPA"). In particular, in reaching her 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 Cornwall National Landscape.
   d) The Applicant consulted the LPA, which reviewed the proposed development and on 31 July 2026 raises no objections.
   e) The Applicant consulted the Cornwall National Landscape board, which reviewed the proposed development and, in its response dated 25 June 2026, confirmed that it had no objection to the proposed works. The Board noted that the development would provide some visual landscape benefit within this part of the Cornwall National Landscape. It also advised that all trenching and reinstatement works should be undertaken in a manner that avoids impacts on adjacent Cornish hedges, to ensure that valued landscape features and biodiversity are protected.
   f) The Applicant consulted Natural England on 16 June 2026, which confirmed the development is not within or near a Habitats Site or Site of Special Scientific Interest and had no comments.
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.

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Yours sincerely,

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