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Our ref: 2560u
Your ref: CW52738 – Littywood Solar

15th September 2026

Dear Mrs Griffiths,

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: CW52738 – Littywood Solar

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:

- Replacing an existing tower with a new 132kV terminal tower and attached cable sealing end platform.

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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 South Staffordshire District Council ("the LPA"). In particular, in reaching her decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:

1. The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);

    a) The proposed development falls under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
    b) The proposed development does not fall within any designated sensitive areas.
    c) The Applicant consulted the LPA, which reviewed the proposed development and on 9 July 2026 raised no objections. The LPA concluded that the proposal would not result in significant adverse effects on landscape character, residential amenity, ecology, or highway safety, subject to conditions requiring highway verge protection measures and compliance with the approved site access and logistics arrangements (reference: 26/00123/OHLS37).
    d) A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal was prepared by RPS Consulting Services Limited on 28th March 2025. The report found that the ecological baseline of the site remains substantially unchanged from the 2022 survey. Minor changes include the loss of a central grassland strip, the reclassification of a former dry pond to bare ground, and the presence of shallow seasonal water within an existing ditch. The report concludes that these changes do not materially alter the ecological baseline or previous assessment findings, and the proposed development is not expected to result in significant effects on protected or priority species provided the mitigations set out in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (reference: NDIP-00336) are implemented.
    e) In accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990, the applicant published a statutory notice to the public in the local newspaper, The Staffordshire Newsletter on 25 March 2026 & 1 April 2026. The Applicant received no representation regarding the proposed development by the deadline of 22 April 2026.

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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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