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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: SHELTON FARM 6075654 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:

- Dismantle approximately 585 metres of existing 11kV overhead line;
- Replace two existing 11kV wooden poles, converting them into terminal poles;
- Install one new 11kV H pole structure to support the installation of a new 315kVA pole mounted transformer;
- Relocate one existing low-voltage 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 ("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 Cornwall National Landscape.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA, which raised no objections to the proposed development on 18 August 2026 (planning reference: PA26/04833).
5. The Cornwall National Landscape Team was consulted on the proposed development and in the response dated 10 July 2026, raised no objection. However, it noted that construction activities should be undertaken in a manner that preserves the integrity of Cornish Hedges, which are a feature of the designated landscape.
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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