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SD/DC/22/0003 ESO

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Dear Mr Chanter

Proposal: Request For An EIA Screening Opinion For Proposed Substation Extension

Location: Harker Grid Sub Station, Harker

Appn Ref: 22/0003 ESO

Thank you for your letter and attachments received 24th June 2022 in respect of the above matter.

In accordance with Part 2, Section 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations Carlisle City Council as the Local Planning Authority is required to adopt a screening opinion following your request. This is a written opinion as to whether the development is 'EIA development' likely to have a significant effect on the environment by virtue of the nature of the development, its size and its location.

The proposed development falls within Class 10 infrastructure projects of Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations and exceeds the thresholds (site area exceeds 1 hectare).

The City Council has taken into account the criteria in Schedule 3 of the EIA Regulations, which you will be aware are listed under the headings of "Characteristics of the Development", "Location of the Development", and "Types and Characteristics of Potential Impact". In relation to these matters, I am mindful of the advice within the Planning Practice Guidance with regard to the circumstances when development would generally be required to be subject of an EIA.

Having taken into account the advice in the PPG as well as the criteria in Schedule 3 of the 2017 EIA Regulations it is my opinion that the proposal would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment by virtue of facts such as its size, nature or location. Accordingly, Carlisle City Council considers that the proposal is not EIA development.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Daniel

Principal Planning Officer