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Our ref: 1989u  
Your ref: Cotswold VIP Temporary OHL Diversion

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Dear Mr Murray,

**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: COTSWOLDS VISUAL IMPACT PROVISION -  
TEMPORARY OHL DIVERSION**

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:

- Divert a 987 metre 400kV overhead line by removing two towers and constructing of three towers (2 temporary towers and 1 permanent tower)



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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 Transmission (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Whittington Parish Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his 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 132 kilovolts and therefore requires a mandatory screening.
3. The proposed development also falls within a designated sensitive area, the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL).
4. The Cotswolds National Landscape unit were consulted and expressed support for the development. They noted satisfaction that National Grid has fulfilled the statutory duty to seek to further the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the CNL (planning reference: 24/00505/FUL).
5. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and had no objection. On 13 August 2024, the LPA concluded that the development is not EIA and once completed will result in an enhancement of the National Landscape. (ref: 23/03995/SCR).
6. Secretary of State requested for the applicant to provide Public Notices regarding the proposed development in accordance with The Electricity (Applications for Consent) Regulations 1990. The notices were published in The Gloucestershire Echo from 29 August 2024 to 12 September 2024. No representations were received regarding the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

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