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Via Planning Portal (PP-13496256)

Dear Sir / Madam

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL

**NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (WEST MIDLANDS) PLC AND NATIONAL GRID TELECOMS LIMITED (FORMERLY WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION)
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION ASH BANK ROAD (A52), WERRINGTON,
STAFFORDSHIRE, ST9 0DU.**

On behalf of National Grid Electricity Distribution (West Midlands) plc and National Grid Telecoms Ltd, we submit herewith an application for planning permission for the essential upgrade of the security fencing of the above site for the continued protection of critical national infrastructure.

The planning application has been submitted via the Planning Portal along with the following plans and documentation:

- The planning application forms, including the relevant land ownership.
- A location plan and block plan, P1628-064-1-PL-201 rev A.
- Existing site plan, P1628-064-1-PL-202 rev A.
- Proposed site plan P1628-064-1-PL-203 rev A.
- Existing and Proposed elevations P1628-064-1-PL-204 rev A, P1628-064-1-PL-205 rev A, P1628-064-1-PL-206 rev A, P1628-064-1-PL-207 rev A.
- Generic palisade gate fencing general arrangement.
- The prescribed fee has been paid electronically as part of the Planning Portal process.

Design and Access Statement

The design of the apparatus has been guided by the technical and operational requirements of the Regional Electricity Distribution Network Operator's system having proper regard to minimise appearance. The essential security fencing proposed has been specifically chosen and coloured to minimise any affects to the overall appearance of the existing site from any public vantage points.

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The new apparatus required will not bring about any additional requirements with regard to access. In accordance with all relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines, access to the site is to be restricted to authorised personnel and approved guests to ensure the security of the regional training centre. The application does not therefore give rise to any public issues associated with access.

The essential security upgrade to the site's fencing is specifically designed to protect and secure the distribution of electricity throughout the National Grid Electricity Distribution network, this will lead to improvements to a public service provided in the local area, the application merits support and accords in all respects with national and local planning policy.

We would be willing to meet to discuss the merits of the application, or to assist with any visits of the site and surrounding area, if this is beneficial to the determination of the application.

We trust everything is in order, but if you do require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Jonathan Haddrell.

Yours faithfully

NEEDHAM HADDRELL
For and on behalf of
NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION (West Midlands) PLC AND
NATIONAL GRID TELECOMS LIMITED