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Dear Mrs Price,

**THE ELECTRICITY WORKS (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2017 (“THE 2017 REGULATIONS”)**

**SCREENING OPINION BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.**

Screening decision for a proposed development to upgrade an existing 11kV overhead line of 900 metres from single phase to three phase near Woolstaston, Shropshire. The works involve the installation of an additional electricity cable on the existing overhead line and the addition of two new stay wires.

The works require Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and are subject to the Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”).

The Secretary of State has considered the information within the supplied documentation and has taken the following factors into account in reaching his decision:

- The proposed works do not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);
- The proposed works fall under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line will be installed above ground in a sensitive area;
- The proposal is to be carried out within the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and over the Motte and bailey castle Scheduled Monument area.
- The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Manager has raised no concerns in relation to the proposal;
- Historic England has raised no concerns as the works will not involve ground intervention;
- The Shropshire Council considered that the proposal should not be accompanied by an Environmental Statement (planning ref. 21/03780/OHL).

Taking account of the abovementioned factors, the Secretary of State concludes that the proposed works 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 Shropshire Council for information.

Yours sincerely,

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