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Dear Mr Hall,

**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: ESK011 LITTLE BROOK HOUSE

Screening decision for a proposed development to upgrade an existing 11kV overhead electricity line of approximately 212 metres from single phase to three phase. The development will involve the installation of an additional electricity cable on the existing overhead line, the installation of a new terminal pole and a 100KVA pole mounted transformer on land near Tadley Hampshire, RG26 5SW (the “proposed works”).

The proposed works require Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and are subject to the 2017 Regulations.

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 Dalcour Maclaren Limited (“the Applicant”) on behalf of Southern Electric Power Distribution Plc in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed works and the views of the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:

- 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 is to be installed above ground in a sensitive area;



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- The proposed works are to upgrade an existing 11kV overhead electricity line of approximately 212 metres partly within the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB);
- The proposed works are at approximately 2.8 kilometres from the closest statutory designated nature conservation sites, the Ron Ward's Meadow with Tadley Pastures Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), however there is no likelihood of impacts arising from the proposed works to this site;
- The proposed works are to be carried out onto an already existing overhead electricity line and the Application does not suggest there will be any cumulative adverse effects with other existing and approved developments;
- The proposed works do not pass through any designated heritage assets. The closest scheduled monument is the Moated site, fishponds, icehouse and associated earthworks at Wyeford Farm located at approximately 2.1 kilometres from the route of the new line and no harm is anticipated to arise from the proposal to the heritage significance of this monument;
- The LPA have considered the proposal not to be EIA development (Screening opinion dated 20 September 2021, ref. 21/02993/ENSC);
- Natural England was consulted and raised no objections to the Applications (email dated 15 July 2021, ref. 359408);
- The LPA's Archaeologist was consulted and advised that although the proposed works are located in an area with a general archaeological potential, no belowground archaeological remains have been recorded in the immediate vicinity of the proposed works and therefore no potential impacts are anticipated (email dated 24 August 2021).

Taking account of the abovementioned factors and information received, 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 LPA for information.

Yours sincerely,

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