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03 November 2022,

Dear Mr Barrell,

**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: UKZ020 WEST SIDE & UKZ020 EAST SIDE.

UK Power Networks (“the Applicant”) has requested a screening decision from the Secretary of State regarding a proposal to install a short span of 132kv 3 phase overhead line, between the new Connection Gantry to the west side of the existing 132kV Tower 24 of the Earlham - Sall circuit (circuit 1). The Connection Gantry will be 8.5m high, with the 3 new overhead lines rising to approximately 18.1m, 21.7m & 25.4m on the west side of existing tower 24. Also, to install a short span of 132kV 3 phase overhead line between the new Connection Gantry to the east side of the existing 132kV Tower 24 of the Earlham - Sall circuit (circuit 2) (“the Development”)

The Development requires Section 37 consent under the Electricity Act 1989 and is subject to the 2017 Regulations.

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“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 UK Power Networks in relation to the impacts on the environment of the Development and the views of the South Norfolk District Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his decision, the Secretary of State notes the following factors:



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1. The Development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA).
2. The proposed works fall under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is to be installed above ground with a voltage of 132 kV or more.
3. It is noted that the LPA has assessed the Development under the requirements of the 2017 Regulations and provided their screening views stating that, due to the scale of the works and that no listed buildings will be demolished, altered or extended, the LPA has no objection to the proposals.
4. It is also noted that the local parish, Easton Parish Council, had no objections to the proposed works (email dated 4 January 2022).
5. In addition, the LPA does not request that a public inquiry be held pursuant to paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 to the Electricity Act 1989 before the Secretary of State reaches his decision on the application. Additionally, the LPA has stated that an environmental statement is not applicable for the Development (Form B and Annex A dated 18 May 2022).
6. The Development does not cross any sensitive area as defined under Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations, nor are there any such areas adjacent or in close proximity to the Development.
7. It has also been noted that the LPA has already provided consent for a substation under application number 2021/2230 and that a number of conditions have already been included within that consent.

Taking account of the abovementioned factors and information received, the Secretary of State concludes that the Development is **not an EIA** development under the 2017 Regulations and does not require a statutory EIA as it is unlikely to have significant effects on the environment due to its nature, location and size. A copy of this letter has been sent to the LPA for information.

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