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Dear Mr Drewry,

**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: Harbour Inn PMT, Southwold

Screening decision for a proposed development (“the proposed development”) to:

- Remove the existing equipment from a private dwelling, and;
- Replace it with new equipment in a different location and use vegetation to partially screen it from view.

The proposed development requires 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 UK Power Networks (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the East Suffolk Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:



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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 to be installed above ground in a sensitive area;
3. Both the current line and proposed development are within Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (“the AONB”) and in close proximity to a Grade 2 listed building. The LPA consider that as the works are to replace the existing low voltage line with a new low voltage line, there will be very little change in terms of aesthetic appearance of the area.

Taking account of the abovementioned factors and information received, 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.

Yours sincerely,

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