



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

Miss Georgia-Rose Sheppard
SOUTHERN ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION PLC
NO. 1 FORBURY PLACE 3JH
43 THE FORBURY
READING
RG1 2DQ

Energy Infrastructure Planning
Level 3, Victoria 1
1 Victoria Street,
London
SW1H 0ET
Email: S37consents@beis.gov.uk
Website: www.gov.uk/desnz

Our ref: 1700u
Your ref: 22006595 - EUF808 Lancaster Ave

22 September 2023

Dear Miss Sheppard,

**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: EYF808 LANCASTER AVE

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

- Upgrade existing 2 wire 11kV overhead line to a 3 wire 11kV overhead line

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 Southern Electric Power Distribution (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of West Berkshire Council (“the LPA”). In reaching his decision, the Secretary of State notes the following factors:

1. The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);



Department for
Energy Security
& Net Zero

2. The proposed development falls under Schedule 2 of the 2017 Regulations as the electricity line is to be installed above ground near a sensitive area.
3. The development is located within an Impact Risk Zone, the applicant consulted with Natural England (NE) and made no comment about the proposed development.
4. The LPA was consulted and raised no objections regarding the development

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,

John Mckenna

Head of Network Planning Team

Energy Infrastructure Planning