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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: Lodge Farm Diversion

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

- Erect 53m of 11 kV overhead line and support pole

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 Breckland District 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);
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 a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) for three separate SSSI’s. Natural

England were consulted and made no comment or objections about the proposed development.

4. As this is an existing line, it is deemed that there will be little impact on the SSSI.

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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