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Dear Miss Pain,

**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: Dial Green House**

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

- Upgrade ~270 metres of existing 11kV overhead line from 2-phase to 3-phase

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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the South Downs National Park Authority (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching her decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:

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



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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. The proposed development falls within South Downs National Park, and within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) related to several nearby SSSIs – the nearest of which, Northpark Copse to Snapelands Copse SSSI, is more than 2km away.
4. The proposed development also runs through a section of designated Ancient Woodland.
5. The LPA were consulted regarding the proposed development and had no objection. The LPA concluded that the proposed development is of a very minor nature and would have no adverse impact on the landscape quality of the National Park.
6. Natural England were consulted regarding the SSSI IRZ and had no comment to make as per communications on 16 October 2023 (Natural England reference: 452413).
7. The Applicant confirmed in communications on 22 September 2023 that no vehicles will enter the designated Ancient Woodland if this vehicular access would result in damage to the woodland.

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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