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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: LITTLE RECKHAM FARM PMT**

Decision:

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.

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

- Reconductor approximately 187 metres of a 240/415 kV line from an open wire configuration to aerial banded conductor

Secretary of State considerations:

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 South Eastern Power Networks (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of East Suffolk Council (“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);
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 a designated sensitive area:
  - Suffolk Heaths National Landscape
  - A Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with Sizewell Marshes SSSI
4. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 24 March 2022 (planning reference: DC/22/0320/CON).
5. Natural England was consulted via email regarding the SSSI IRZ and responded on 19 December 2023, noting there were no comments regarding the development.

Yours sincerely,

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