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Dear Mrs Wallace,

**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: EUX494 - SHERRINGTON MANOR**

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:

- Install a third wire for two spans within an existing 11 kV 154m overhead line

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 Southern Electric Power Distribution (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Wiltshire 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 the following designated sensitive areas:
  - Cranborne Chase and Wiltshire Downs National Landscape
  - A Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with River Avon SSSI
4. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 1 November 2022 (planning reference: PL/2022/06878).
5. Natural England was consulted via email regarding the SSSI IRZ and responded on 23 November 2023, noting there were no comments regarding the development.

Yours sincerely,

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