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Dear Mr Maidens,

**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: Camberley E5L5**

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:

- Replace 7 poles on an existing 11kV overhead line due to poor pole condition

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 PLC (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Bracknell Forest Council (“the LPA”). 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 Blackwater Valley Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).
4. The LPA were consulted regarding the proposed development and concluded that the proposed development is not considered to be an EIA development.
5. An ecological site surveys were conducted by RSK ADAS Limited on the 3 March 2023 and subsequently on 16 October 2023. An Ecological Constraints Report was then issued on 1 November 2023 (reference: BRT69105-1233(00)-EcoCheck) which outlined a number of recommendations to mitigate impacts on the SSSI during the proposed development. The report states that the proposed development is considered to be low impact which will be localised within the area of the poles.
6. The applicant consulted with Natural England and assent was granted on 19 October 2023 to carry out the proposed development between 1 June 2024 and 31 August 2024 (Natural England reference: 1010231622EA).

Yours sincerely,

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