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Dear Mr Neil,

**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: KING E4L5

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:

- Upgrade 700 metres of an existing 2 wire 11 kV overhead line to 3 wires

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 Dalcour Maclaren (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of West Berkshire 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:
 - A Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with the Greenham and Crookham Commons SSSI
4. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 23 February 2023 (planning reference: 22/01129/FORMB).
5. Natural England was consulted via email regarding the SSSI IRZ and responded on 28 March 2023. They did not object to the development but commented “... along the northern side of Thornford Road near where the works are proposed there have been records of dormice recorded... Appropriate ecological advice should be sought prior to works in the area to ensure no impacts.”.

Yours sincerely,

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