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Dear Mr Chambers,

**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: Woodmancote, Cirencester**

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 – 335 metres of existing 240/415v from single phase to 3 phase. Upgrade an existing pole mounted transformer.

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 Cotswold District Council (“the LPA”). In particular, in reaching his 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 Cotswold National Landscape.
4. The proposed development falls within a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ), approximately 4,500m away from Barnsley Warren SSSI.
5. The LPA were consulted on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The LPA concluded that “the proposed development is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environment.”
6. Natural England (NE) were consulted on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024. NE concluded that “the development is not close to or within a Habitats Site, Site of Special Scientific Interest and had no comments to make on this consultation.”
7. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is situated.

Yours sincerely,

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