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Dear Mrs Corbishley,

**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: Shellbridge Road

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 approximately 140 metres of existing 240/415v overhead line to three phase and upgrade the existing pole-mounted transformer from 50kVA to 100kVA



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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 South Downs National Park Authority (“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 South Downs National Park.
4. The LPA had no objection to the proposed development and confirmed they do not consider the proposed development to be an EIA development.
5. The Applicant confirmed that no vegetation clearance or excavation works will be required during the proposed development.
6. The proposed development is a modification to existing infrastructure which is likely to have minimal impact on the National Park in which it is situated.

Yours sincerely,

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