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Dear Miss Mills,

**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: Newlands Farm, New Road, Landford Salisbury,
Wiltshire, SP5 2AZ**

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 63 metres of existing 240/415v overhead from 95 two core Aerial Bundle Connector (ABC) to 95 four core ABC.
- Replace 2 x poles and replace existing pole-mounted transformer for a 50kVA split phase transformer



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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 New Forest 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 New Forest National Park and a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Impact Risk Zone (IRZ) associated with the Landford Bog SSSI (~300 metres away), Landford Heath SSSI and New Forest SSSI/Special Protection Area/Special Area of Conservation (~600 metres away).
4. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: 24/00112) and concluded that EIA is not required.
5. The Applicant consulted with Natural England who confirmed in communications on 14 February 2024 (Natural England reference: 466101) that they had no comment to make on the proposed development.
6. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and is likely to have minimal visual impact on the National Park in which it is situated.

Yours sincerely,

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