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Dear Mrs Baugh,

**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: BEAUMARIS - PENTRAETH (PHASE 2) & BWRDD  
ARTHUR 11KV REBUILD**

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:

- Rebuild an 11kV 8095 metre line

Secretary of State considerations:



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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 SP Manweb Plc (“the Applicant”) in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Isle of Anglesey Council (“the LPA”). 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 following designated sensitive area:
  - Rhosydd Llanddona Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
4. An Environmental Appraisal was carried out on behalf of the Applicant by Baker Consultants in December 2018. The Appraisal stated that access to the powerline and the poles will probably require disturbance of marshy grassland, mire and heathland habitats, which could have an adverse impact on the scientific interest of the SSSI.
5. A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) was produced out on behalf of the Applicant by Baker Consultants in August 2019. The CEMP outlined mitigations such as having an Ecological Clerk of Works present on site to supervise any work involving disturbance to vegetation and using low pressure tyre vehicles on site.
6. In February 2024 the Secretary of State requested that the Applicant produce an updated Ecological Appraisal and CEMP to ensure his decision is based on the most current information available.
7. In November 2024, the Applicant produced an updated Ecological Appraisal and CEMP conducted by Rachel Hacking Ecology. The Ecological Appraisal stated that the recommendations made in the 2018 Ecological Appraisal remain relevant. The updated CEMP concluded that the lack of changes to the species assessment and the relatively minor changes to habitats it is considered that the contents of the CEMP prepared by Baker Consultants remains relevant and accurate.
8. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who noted no objection (providing conditions are complied with) to the proposed development [reference: ELE/2021/1] in October 2021.



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9. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) was consulted regarding the designated sensitive area and granted conditional assent to the development from the period between 13 August 2024 and 1 March 2028 (NRW reference: A004264/1).

Yours sincerely,

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