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Your ref: FCB281

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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: FCB281 - Oxleys, Dock Lane, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst,  
Hampshire, SO42 7YJ**

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 135 metres of an existing 2 wire 11 kV overhead line to 3 wires
- Upgrade 67 metres of an existing single phase LV overhead line to 3 phase



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- Replace 3 poles within a span of approximately 135m of 11kV overhead line

### 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 (“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 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 New Forest National Park.
4. The Applicant consulted Natural England who had no objection to the proposed development as per communications on 11 July 2024 (reference: 481002).
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the development and concluded that an EIA is not required on 28 August 2024 (planning reference: 24/00736OHL).
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 located.

Yours sincerely,

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