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Dear Mr Flowerdew,

**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: FBG509- Land at New Road, Landford, Salisbury, 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:

- Erect 9 metres of new 240/415v overhead cable and convert existing single service line to multi-user.



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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 WSP on behalf of 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 and an Impact Risk Zone associated with the New Forest Site of Special Scientific Interest.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA. The LPA concluded their checks and raised no objections on the proposed development on 21 January 2025.
5. The Applicant consulted Natural England on 21 August 2024 who responded via email on 27 August 2024 confirming that the development is not close to or within a Habitats Site, Site of Special Scientific Interest and had no comments to make on the proposed development.
6. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and not likely to have a significant effect on the Natural Landscape.

Yours sincerely,

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