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Dear Mr Ramsay,

**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: Marshcroft Lane Tring

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:

- Refurbishment of an existing 11kV wood pole overhead line including replacing all wood poles due to age and conditions of the poles.



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- Install new 11-meter poles.

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 UK Power Networks ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Dacorum Borough 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 Chilterns National Landscapes and an Impact Risk Zone.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA. The LPA believed that the proposed development would not significantly impact the environment and had no objections to make on the proposed development on 7 January 2025.
5. The Applicant consulted Chilterns National Landscape on 2 December 2024. The Applicant received a response from Chilterns National landscape on 9 December 2024 advising that the replacement will not provide any significant detriment to the visuals or the landscape and had no objections to make on the proposed development.
6. The Applicant consulted Natural England. Natural England responded via email on 10 December 2024 confirming that the development is not close to a Habitats Site, Site of Special Scientific Interest or protected landscape and had no objections to make.
7. 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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