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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: SNOOKS FARM HOUSE, SNOOKS LANE,
LYMINGTON, SO41 5SF**

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 120 metres of LV overhead line to three phase

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 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. Natural England (NE) was consulted regarding the development and on 21 January 2025 responded with no objections (reference: 497939).
5. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the development and concluded that an EIA is not required as the proposed development would not be likely to have significant effects on the environment on 11 February 2025 (planning reference: 24/01492OHL).
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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