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Dear Mr Elson,

**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: FCT327 Sports Barn, Ferne Park Estate

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 381 metres of an existing 2 wire 11kV overhead line to 3 wires across four spans



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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 Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Wiltshire Council ("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 Cranborne Chase National Landscape.
4. The Cranborne Chase National Landscape team were consulted and confirmed in communications on 14 July 2025 that they were satisfied EIA is not needed.
5. The LPA was consulted regarding the proposed development and noted no objection to the development on 13 August 2025 (planning reference: PL/2025/06005).
6. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing piece of infrastructure and will have no significant visual impact on the National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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