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Your ref: IS0189- Ballinger Road HV Reinforcement

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Dear Ms Shaw,

**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: IS0189- BALLINGER ROAD HV REINFORCEMENT

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:

- Add a third wire to an 11kV 250 metre overhead line
- Replace five 11kV wooden poles



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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 Eastern Power Networks ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Buckinghamshire 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 the Chilterns National Landscape.
4. The Applicant consulted with the LPA regarding the proposed development. The LPA confirmed that they had no objections on 25 September 2025 (planning reference: PL/25/2242/UA).
5. The Applicant consulted with the National Landscape Unit who advised that they had no comments on the proposed development on 20 May 2025.
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 Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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