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Dear Mr Roberts,

**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: BURTON HILL HOUSE

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 711 metres of 11kV overhead line from single to three phase
- Upgrade approximately 100 metres of low voltage overhead line from single to three phase



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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 ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of South Downs 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 South Downs National Park and Burton Park Registered Park and Garden.
4. The Applicant consulted with the LPA, who raised no objections to the development, stating on 16 October 2025 that 'the works are of a very minor nature and overall would have no adverse impact on the landscape quality' (planning reference: SDNP/25/03652/OHL).
5. Historic England were consulted and stated on 11 November 2025 that as Burton Park is a Grade II Registered Park and Garden, the works do not require notification.
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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