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Dear Mr David Hastings,

**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: EXB512

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 93m of an existing 11kV overhead line by adding a third wire.

Secretary of State considerations:



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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 Basingstoke and Deane 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 is located within the North Wessex Downs National Landscape.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA, who advised on 9 December 2025 that the proposed development is not considered EIA and had no objections.
5. The Applicant consulted Natural England, who responded on 24 November 2025 confirming that the development is not close to, or within, a Habitats Site or Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and had no comments to make on the proposed development.
6. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing infrastructure and is not likely to have a significant effect on the National Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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