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Dear Ms Isabel 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: IS0220- Iken Cliff, IP12 2EN

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 335 m of the existing 11kV overhead line by installing a third conductor to reinforce and improve the local electricity supply.



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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 East Suffolk 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 is located within the Sandlings Forest SSSI, the Sandlings SPA and the Suffolk Coast & Heaths National Landscape.
4. The Applicant consulted Natural England, who confirmed that the proposed works are partly within or adjacent to Sandlings Forest SSSI and the Sandlings SPA. Based on the information provided, Natural England was satisfied that the works would not have significant impacts on the designated sites and raised no objection on 24 October 2025.
5. The Applicant consulted the LPA, who confirmed they have no objections to the proposed development on 11 November 2025.
6. The Applicant consulted the Suffolk & Essex Coast & Heath National Landscape Board, who responded on 17 November 2025 advising that any impact on the National Landscape would be minor and that they had no concerns with works proceeding.
7. The proposed development is a minor modification to 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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