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Dear Miss Baker,

**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: Lee Road, Saunderton, Buckinghamshire

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 an existing 11kV overhead line approximately 310m by adding a third conductor.



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Secretary of State considerations:

1. 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 PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Buckinghamshire Council ("the LPA"). In particular, in reaching his decision the Secretary of State notes the following factors:
 - a) The proposed development does not fall within Schedule 1 (mandatory EIA);
 - b) 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.
 - c) The proposed development is located within the Chilterns National Landscape.
 - d) The Applicant consulted the LPA, which reviewed the proposed development and on 14 April 2026 concluded that the proposed development would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and therefore raises no objections.
 - e) The Applicant consulted Natural England (NE) on 26 May 2026, which confirmed the development is not within a Habitats Site or Site of Special Scientific (SSSI), NE is satisfied that there won't be any significant impacts upon the site and concluded with no objections.
2. 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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