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Dear Mrs Martyr-Icke,

**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: 5536832/5874751 Painswick Lodge, Painswick,
Gloucestershire, GL6 6UB**

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 Stroud District Council ("the LPA") for information.

Screening decision for a proposed development ("the proposed development") to:

- Upgrade a 90m, 11kV overhead line to 3-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 PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of 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 following designated area:
 - Cotswolds National Landscape
4. The applicant produced an ecological survey in March 2026 (ref: 3265-NG-NH). The report concluded that works sit within a field utilised for grazed grassland of limited ecological interest and recommended low pressure vehicles to be used and remain on the access route, with the clearance of any bird nesting habitat to take place outside of bird breeding season.
5. The applicant consulted with Natural England in April 2026 who advised that there are no landscape issues which, based on the information received, necessitate Natural England's involvement.
6. The Applicant consulted with the LPA who had no objection to the proposed development (reference: S.26/06226/MISC) in May 2026. It concluded that the proposed development is not an EIA development.
7. The Secretary of State notes the limited scale of the works, the temporary, localised nature of any impacts and that the proposed development is a minor modification to existing infrastructure. The Secretary of State therefore considers that there are no likely significant effects arising from the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste or the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity and that the proposed development is not likely to have significant effect on the National Landscape in which it is located.



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Yours sincerely,

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