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Dear Miss Cole,

**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: FC0065 - GAZELEY GATE, BURES ST MARY, CO8
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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 30 metres of existing 11kV overhead line from single to three phase;
- Replace two existing wooden poles



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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 Mid Suffolk District Council (“the LPA”). In reaching her 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 Dedham Vale National Landscape.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA, which raised no objections to the proposed development on 17 June 2026 (planning reference: DC/26/02170), noting that the development, is not considered to materially affect the natural beauty of the National Landscape and would not result in any significant localised or widespread adverse landscape impacts.
5. The Applicant consulted Dedham Vale National Landscape Office, which confirmed in correspondence dated 10 June 2026 that they had no objection to the works.
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 Landscape in which it is located.

Yours sincerely,

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