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Dear Mr O'Reilly,

**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: JO/LANG E6L5 Cadland

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:



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- Replacement of a single 11kV electricity wood poles on an existing overhead line approximately 112 metres.

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 Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of the New Forest National Park Authority ("the LPA"). In particular, in reaching her 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 New Forest National Park, North Solent SSSI & NNR.
 - d) The Applicant consulted the LPA, which reviewed the proposed development and on 11 March 2026 concluded that the proposed development would not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore raises no objections.
 - e) The Applicant consulted Natural England (NE) on 7 January 2026. NE reviewed the plans and the relevant working methods and concluded that the proposed works would not have an adverse effect on the North Solent SSSI and raised no objections. Assent has been granted for the relevant works to take place between 1 September 2026 to 31 March 2027 (reference: 0701261027NG).
 - f) An Ecological Constraints Report was prepared by RSK ADAS Limited on 20 May 2026. The report identified that the pole is located within an area of scrub, hedgerows, grassland and reedbed habitat. These habitats provide suitable habitat and connectivity for a range of species, including Great Crested Newts, reptiles, nesting birds, bats, badgers and hazel dormice. No direct evidence of protected species was recorded during the survey; however, precautionary mitigation measures were recommended due to the presence of suitable habitat. The proposed pole replacement works are unlikely to result in significant ecological harm provided the mitigations set out in the Ecological Constrains Report (reference: BRT69105-1728 (00)) are implemented.



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2. The proposed development is a minor modification to an existing infrastructure. Having considered the evidence and proposed mitigations the Secretary of State is satisfied beyond reasonable scientific doubt that there will be no Adverse Effect on Integrity of the protected site.

Yours sincerely,

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