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Our ref: 2579u
Your ref: FHV562

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Dear Mr Brocklehurst,

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: FHV562 - STOKKE MANOR

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 445 metres of existing 11kV overhead line from single phase to three phase;
- Replace two existing single poles;
- Install one additional pole to create an H pole structure, supporting the upgrade of the existing pole mounted transformer to 110kVA

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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 ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of Wiltshire 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 North Wessex Downs National Landscape.
4. The Applicant consulted the LPA, which raised no objections to the proposed development on 6 July 2026 (planning reference: PL/2026/03825), noting that the addition of a third wire is not considered to have adverse impacts on the locality.
5. 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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