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Dear Mr Flowerdew

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: FEV844

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 220 metres 11kV single user electricity line to a multi-user line by installing and connecting to a new underground LV cable.

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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 WSP on behalf of Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC ("the Applicant") in relation to the impacts on the environment of the proposed development and the views of South Oxfordshire District Council ("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 Chilterns National Landscape.
    d) The Applicant consulted the LPA, which reviewed the plans and on 27 July 2026 raised no objections.
    e) The Applicant consulted Natural England on 12 August 2026, which confirmed the development is not within or near a Habitats Site or Site of Special Scientific Interest and had no comments.
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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