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Date: 17th June 2026

**OVERHEAD LINES
ELECTRICITY ACT 1989
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990.**

With reference to the application particulars of which are specified below, I am directed by the Secretary of State to inform you that consent is hereby granted pursuant to section 37(1) of the Electricity Act 1989 ("the 1989 Act") to the installing or keeping installed above ground of electric lines ("the lines") particulars of which are specified below ("the Development").

Pursuant to section 37(3) of the 1989 Act this consent is given subject to the following conditions:

1. The Development shall be constructed in accordance with the application and the plans set out in the particulars below.
2. Subject also to regulations 65, 66, 89 and 90 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017, the Secretary of State may review this consent at any time after a period of five years from the date hereof, and upon such review, after giving all persons concerned an opportunity of being heard, he may vary or revoke this consent.
3. If the Secretary of State revokes this consent, then any lines or apparatus forming part of the Development shall be removed within such period as the Secretary of State may direct.

Pursuant to section 90(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ("the 1990 Act") the Secretary of State hereby directs that planning permission for the Development shall be deemed to be granted subject to the following condition(s):

1. The Development to which this permission relates shall be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning from the date of this consent.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of section 91 of the 1990 Act.

2. The Company shall dismantle and remove any temporary lines and equipment referred to in the application together with any redundant lines and apparatus



replaced by the Development within six months from the date of commissioning of the Development.

Reason: To restore the land as far as possible to its condition before the redundant lines and apparatus were installed.

3. During the Development, the Company shall adhere to all recommendations outlined in the "Preliminary Ecological Appraisal" issued by Wessex Ecology on 21 January 2026 (reference: Pole Replacement, Bentley Wood SSSI, Howe Farm, East Grimstead, Wiltshire. Wessex Ecology. January 2026).

Reason: For the protection of flora and fauna and compliance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), and with the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017.

4. The Development shall be carried out between 1 April 2026 and 28 March 2027 as per assent granted by Natural England (reference: 1711251201JT). The Development shall not be carried out outwith the aforementioned dates without further consultation with Natural England.

Reason: To comply with assent of Natural England under Section 28H of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

PLANNING AUTHORITY REFERENCE: Wiltshire Council Signed Form B dated 30 January 2026 (reference: PL/2025/10031).

APPLICANT COMPANY: SOUTHERN ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION PLC

DATE OF APPLICATION: 12th February 2026

PARTICULARS OF OVERHEAD LINES:

Name of Scheme: JO/DUNB E3L5 Bentley Wood

Situated in the Parishe(s) of:

- West Dean

Route as indicated on plan reference Form B Plan (or within a distance not exceeding ten metres on either side thereof)

Voltages:

- 11kV

The validity of the Secretary of State's decision may be challenged by making an application to the High Court for leave to seek a judicial review. Parties seeking



further information as to how to proceed, including time limits, should seek independent legal advice from a solicitor or legal adviser or alternatively may contact the Administrative Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2 2LL (General Enquiries 020 7947 6000).

Authorised by the Secretary of State

Yours sincerely,

Signature Not Verified

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and Net Zero
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