

SP Manweb Plc – Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network

SECTION 56, PLANNING ACT 2008

REGULATION 9, INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS 2009

SP MANWEB PLC – REINFORCEMENT TO THE NORTH SHROPSHIRE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: EN020021. NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application from SP Manweb Plc (SP Manweb) 3 Prenton Way, Prenton, CH43 3ET for a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) under the Planning Act 2008 (“Application”). The Application was submitted by SP Manweb to the Secretary of State, via The Planning Inspectorate (“PINS”), on 12 November 2018 and was accepted on 10 December 2018. The PINS reference number is EN020021.

Summary of the Proposed Development

SP Manweb is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator which owns and manages the electricity distribution network within Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales. SP Manweb is part of SP Energy Networks which also provides power to central and southern Scotland. SP Manweb is the applicant who submitted the Application seeking an order granting development consent for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network (“Proposed Development”). The Proposed Development comprises a new 22.5 km 132kV electrical circuit between the existing SP Manweb Substations at Oswestry and Wem in North Shropshire, together with associated temporary construction works. The circuit would be a combination of underground cables and overhead line. Works are also required at the existing Oswestry and Wem Substations to accommodate the new circuit.

The Proposed Development includes the following elements:

- works within the boundary of the existing SP Manweb Substation at Oswestry including underground cable and the installation of electrical switchgear and associated equipment;
- approximately 1.2km of 132kV underground cable between Oswestry Substation and

a 132kV terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877);

- approximately 21.3km of 132kV of overhead line supported by Trident wood poles from the terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877) to the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem; and
- works within the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem including the installation of a new 132kV to 33kV transformer.

The Proposed Development also includes work to facilitate the new electrical circuit including:

- undergrounding six short sections of existing SP Manweb lower voltage overhead lines in order to ensure safe electrical clearance for the new overhead line; and
- temporary works required for the construction of the new overhead line including seven temporary laydown areas, welfare unit, security cabin, access tracks, vegetation clearance and reinstatement planting.

This Notice relates to the Proposed Development in respect of which the Application is as described above.

The Application also seeks authorisation for the compulsory creation and acquisition of interests in and rights over land and imposition of restrictions, overriding easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, and other ancillary powers.

Environmental Impact Assessment

The Proposed Development is “EIA development” for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009. This means that the proposed works constitute development for which an Environmental Impact Assessment is required. SP Manweb’s Application for a DCO is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement, containing the information that is required by the Secretary of State.

Copies of application documents

A copy of the application form and its accompanying documents, plans and maps are available for inspection free of charge from 21 December 2018 until 1 February 2019, at the locations and times set out below.

Copies of the application documents can be viewed online on the relevant page for the Proposed Development, accessible via PINS’ website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/reinforcement-to-north-shropshire-electricity-distribution-network/>

Locations and times:

LOCATION	COPY AVAILABLE	OPENING TIMES
Shropshire Council Planning Department Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6ND	One inspection hard copy	Mon: 8.30am-5pm, Tues: 8.30am-5pm, Weds: 8.30am-5pm, Thurs: 8.30am-5pm, Fri: 8.30am-5pm, Sat: Closed, Sun: Closed
Oswestry Library Arthur Street, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 1JN	One inspection hard copy	Mon: 9.30am-5pm, Tues: 9.30am-5pm, Weds: 9.30am-6pm, Thurs: 9.30am-5pm, Fri: 9.30am-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-4pm, Sun: Closed
Wem Library High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5AA	One inspection hard copy	Mon: Closed, Tues: 10am-5pm, Weds: Closed, Thurs: 10am-5pm, Fri: 2pm-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-1pm, Sun: Closed
Ellesmere Library Trimpey Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AE	Electronic copies available (Public computers and free Wi-fi available)	Mon: Closed, Tues: 10am-6pm, Weds: Closed, Thurs: Closed, Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-1pm, 2pm-4pm, Sun: Closed
Whitchurch Library High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX	Electronic copies available (Public computers and free Wi-fi available)	Mon: 9.30am-5pm, Tues: 9.30am-6pm, Weds: Closed, Thurs: 9.30am-5pm, Fri: 9.30am-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-1pm, Sun: Closed

Copies of the full set of printed application documents and maps can be obtained on request from SP Manweb by emailing enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk, by writing to FREEPOST SPEN NSR, or by telephoning 0800 804 4666 at a maximum cost of £1,000 for a full set of printed application documents. Copies of individual documents are available on request. A reasonable copying charge may apply.

An electronic copy of the documents on a USB memory stick can be obtained free of charge.

Responding to the Application

To make a representation to the Secretary of State in respect of the Proposed Development (i.e. giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) you must submit it on a registration form. Detailed guidance on registering and making representations is provided by PINS in Advice Note 8.2: ‘How to register to participate in an Examination’, and, additionally, Advice Note 8.3: ‘Influencing how an application is Examined: the Preliminary Meeting’, both of which can be accessed online via PINS’ website. You are advised to have regard to both of these documents.

Representations should be submitted on a fully completed Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation form. You should include a summary of the points you wish to make about the Application, covering what you consider to be the main issues, what you agree with or disagree with in the Application and why, and what you consider the impacts will be.

The Planning Inspectorate Registration and Relevant Representation form will be made available by PINS on the National Infrastructure Planning section of their website on the relevant page for the Proposed Development.

Alternatively you can request a hard copy of the form by telephoning 0303 444 5000 and by quoting the name of the Proposed Development. Any hard copy form to be submitted to PINS should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The PINS reference number (EN020021) should be quoted in any correspondence.

Any representation must be received by PINS no later than 23:59 on 1 February 2019.

Please note that representations will be made public.

SP Manweb Plc