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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the information made available as part of the recent scoping consultation for the above project.

I have reviewed the proposals and provide comments for SP Energy Networks who operate and manage the electricity network up to 132kV on behalf of the licenced network operator, SP Manweb, as shown in blue on the attached plans. SP Energy Networks must ensure the avoidance of any adverse impact on its assets as we all drive to maintain a network that is capable of meeting the increase in demand from an all-electric economy. The next decade will be crucial in preparing the grid for these changes and this is why we are very interested in being able to comment on the proposals which may undermine maintaining and operating and developing a suitable future grid network.

SP Energy Networks requires there are measures in place to protect SP Manweb network assets and ensure safe working around the affected SPM network. At this stage, it is suggested the application plans and required environmental impact assessment include a plan showing all of the SPM network and an assessment of the impact of the proposals on this network. This is critical 132kV national infrastructure that must not be impacted on. There should also be a draft construction management plan which has a section on utilities and explains how impacts on the existing network is to be managed and mitigated. SPM requires there to be adequate space to maintain and operate its network in accordance with statutory obligations.

SP Energy Networks is seeking to obtain from the applicant detailed plans of their proposals showing SPM assets and the proposed DCO limits. Until a plan showing the proposed development in relation to SPM network is provided and agreed, and protective provisions are drafted and discussed and agreed with SP Energy Networks, then objection is raised to there being no provision in the application to such measures.

The applicant's assistance with this would help progress this matter. SP Energy Networks would like to resolve matters as much as possible and would like to see clarification on the crossover points/SPM assets as soon as further details can be provided.

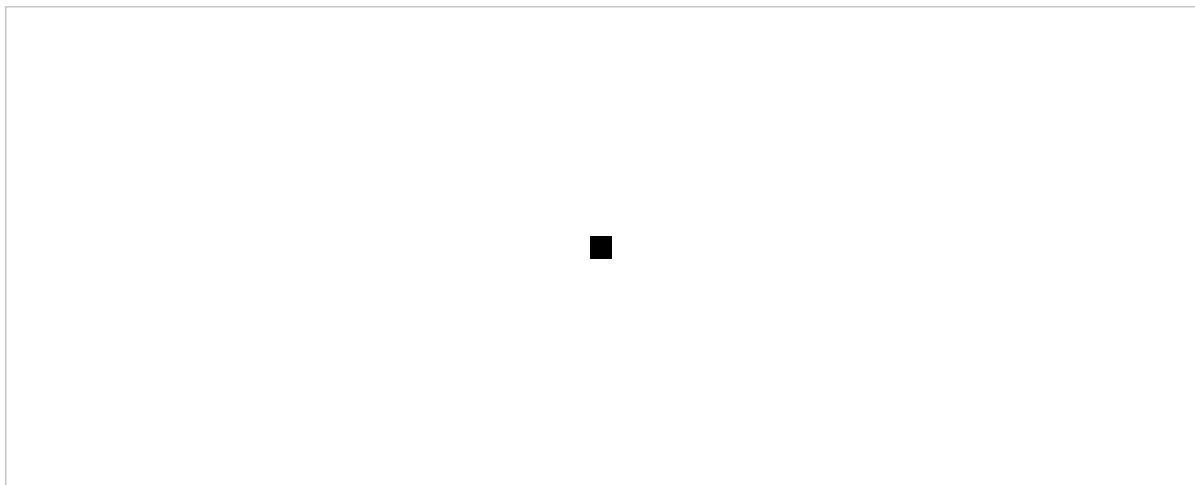
Mitigation proposals will also need to take account of SPM assets and the operational requirements.

In addition, SPM benefits from numerous land rights interests across the application site and these must be maintained for SPM to manage and operate a safe and reliable network.

There are a number of key areas to resolve in relation to SPM network, which is critical to protect as it is this network that will be relied upon to distribute the generation into local homes and businesses. Any adverse impacts on the SPM network that need to be resolved by SPM would impact on the benefits of delivering this proposed scheme. The applicant should discuss the above with SP Energy Networks as soon as possible. Given the extent of the information prepared and submitted, it is a reasonable expectation for there to be a plan produced showing the SPM asset as likely to be most affected and how, and an SPM network diversions worksheet that outlines how this network will be managed within the proposed development. This should be included in an infrastructure section in the EIA assessment.

SP Energy Networks will continue to review the application and may wish to raise further matters in due course and welcomes further engagement with the applicant.

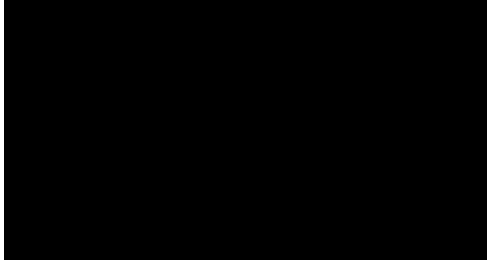
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