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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Sections 89 and 123 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rules 8(3) and 9 and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (as amended) – Regulation 6

Application by SP MANWEB for an Order Granting Development Consent for the North Wales Wind Farms Connection

Changes to the application and examination timetable

Thank you to the many interested parties who made representations at our hearings and accompanied us on our site inspections last month. The Examining Authority (ExA) found these contributions helpful and informative.

Option B

On 16 September 2015 the applicant submitted a request for 16 proposed changes to the scheme, which would form an Option B for the North Wales Wind Farms Connection Project. They have asked for the original scheme, Option A, and the modified version, Option B, to be examined alongside each other.

In its request, the applicant states that the changes have arisen from requests made by those with an interest in the land affected by the scheme. The changes, which are largely to the location of proposed poles, involve some changes to the order limits of the scheme. This means that the applicant would need more land to undertake the Option B scheme, and consequently it has applied for a proposed provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land. The documents relating to Option B are published on our website at:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/NWWFConnection>

The ExA has assessed the documentation for Option B and conclude that they are able to examine it. Option B has therefore now been accepted into the examination. You can read the ExA's full procedural decision on our website at:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/3436693>

The ExA have also decided to accept the proposed provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land into the examination in relation to Option B. Details of their decision, taken under the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 are published on our website at:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/3410852>

Interested parties are now therefore invited to provide their representations on the Option B proposal, for the new deadline of noon on Friday 13 November 2015. Please provide your comments in the normal way either by email to NWWFConnection@pins.gsi.gov.uk or to the address on the front of this letter.

Individuals who have not previously registered for this examination may now do so in order to comment on Option B. If you have already provided a relevant representation, you do not need to register again. Relevant representations in relation to Option B can be made through our website at

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/NWWFConnection>

Changes to examination timetable

In light of the submission of Option B, the ExA has decided to change their examination timetable and this is appended at **Annex A**. The ExA therefore will not be holding the hearings reserved for 10-12 November 2015; these have now been rescheduled for later in the examination. The ExA will be issuing a second round of written questions on Monday 26 October 2015.

When the ExA has received comments on Option B, and any additional relevant representations, we will write again with further details about how both Option A and Option B will be examined.

Yours faithfully

Lillian Harrison

Lillian Harrison
Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors

Annexes:

- A. Revised examination timetable

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Revised timetable for examination of the application

The revised timetable for the examination of the application is as follows:

Item	Matters	Due Dates
10	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents • Applicant's revised draft DCO • Any further information requested by the ExA 	<p>Friday 16 October 2015 at noon</p>
11	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's second written questions (on website) 	<p>Tuesday 27 October 2015</p>
12	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further post-hearing documents • Comments on post-hearing documents 	<p>Monday 2 November 2015 at noon</p>
13	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on Option B • Comments on the proposed provision for the compulsory acquisition of additional land • Comments on further post-hearing documents 	<p>Friday 13 November 2015 at noon</p>
14	<p>Deadline 6</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to ExA's second written questions 	<p>Wednesday 18 November 2015 at noon</p>
15	<p>Deadline 7</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions 	<p>Thursday 3 December 2015 at noon</p>
16	<p>Dates reserved for any open floor, issue specific and/or compulsory acquisition hearings and accompanied site inspection (if required)</p>	<p>Monday 7 to Friday 11 December 2015</p>
17	<p>Deadline 8</p>	<p>Monday 21 December</p>

	Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents • Revised draft DCO from applicant • Any further information requested by the ExA 	2015 at noon
18	Publication of RIES if required	Monday 21 December 2015
19	Deadline 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on revised draft DCO (and RIES if required) • Comments on post-hearing documents • Any further information requested by the ExA 	Thursday 21 January 2016 at noon
20	Deadline 10 Deadline for receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on the ExA's consultation draft DCO (and RIES if required) • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA 	Thursday 28 January 2016 at noon
21	The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.	Thursday 28 January 2016

Publication Dates

All information received will be published on the project website as soon as practicable after the deadline for submissions.

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/NWWFConnection>

Hearing Agendas

Please note that we will aim to publish a detailed draft agenda for each hearing on the project website at least 5 working days in advance of the hearing date; but the actual agenda on the day of each hearing may be subjected to change at the discretion of the ExA.