

**SP MANWEB PLC**

**THE NORTH WALES WIND FARM CONNECTION ORDER**

**SECTIONS 91, 92 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

**RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED NORTH WALES WIND FARMS CONNECTION DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

**PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN020014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, compulsory acquisition hearings, issue specific hearings and open floor hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change) for the examination of the application made by SP Manweb Plc ("SP Manweb") of 3 Prenton Way, Prenton, Merseyside, CH43 3ET for a Development Consent Order ("the DCO") for the North Wales Wind Farm Connection Project ("the Application").

The Application was made by SP Manweb to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14, 16 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 20 March 2015 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 17 April 2015. The Application has been given Planning Inspectorate reference number EN020014.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION**

The Application seeks development consent for an approximate 17.4 kilometre 132,000 volt (132 kV) electric line above ground (electricity distribution connection) from a collector substation at Clocaenog Forest, Denbighshire to a terminal point located to the south of the unnamed Groesffordd Marli to Glascoed Road and the B5381 (Glascoed Road) near to St Asaph, Denbighshire (the "Proposed Development"). The Proposed Development is located in the administrative boundaries of Denbighshire County Council and Conwy County Borough Council.

The main aspects of the Proposed Development comprise:

- Construction and installation, operation and maintenance of an approximately 17.4km 132kV wood pole overhead electricity distribution connection;
- A temporary construction compound at Broadleys Farm, A453, Denbighshire and temporary storage or laydown areas along the alignment;
- Access points for pedestrians and vehicles along the length of the route alignment for construction and maintenance;
- Landscape and ecological measures to restore trees and other vegetation that have been removed during construction;
- Landscaping to mitigate adverse effects; and
- Other integral works such as site preparation and clearance, earthworks, alteration of existing services, vegetation removal/planting and minor street works.

On 16 September 2015 SP Manweb submitted to the Secretary of State a request for the DCO to include authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of rights and the imposition of restrictions over additional land for the Proposed Development ("the Proposed Provision"). The request for the Proposed Provision was subsequently accepted by the Secretary of State on 2 October 2015. This means that the proposed compulsory acquisition of rights and the imposition of restrictions over additional land will be considered as part of the examination of the Application.

The Application as submitted to the Secretary of State on 20 March 2015 is known as the Option A scheme. The Application as amended by the Proposed Provision is known as the Option B scheme. This terminology has been adopted for the purposes of explaining the matters to be discussed at the hearings in the table below.

## HEARINGS

By letter dated 6 October 2015, the Examining Authority scheduled hearings which will be held at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

At the hearings, each interested party is entitled (subject to the Examining Authority's powers of control over the conduct of the hearing) to make oral representations about the Application.

In accordance with Rule 13(3)(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 the Examining Authority has also notified interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for the hearing.

**For more information on these hearings, the Examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the hearings and how and when to make written submissions,** please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below, or visit its website <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/NWWFConnection/> where the 6 October 2015 letter and all subsequent procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download.

HEARING TYPE	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Issue specific hearing on the principles of development and environmental issues regarding Option B, and any outstanding matters regarding Option A on the principles of development and environmental issues	Tuesday 8 December 2015	Commencing at 10.00am	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB
Compulsory acquisition hearing in relation to the Proposed Provision for the compulsory acquisition of rights and the imposition of restrictions over additional land in relation to Option B (if required)	Wednesday 9 December 2015	Commencing at 10.00am	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB
Compulsory acquisition hearing in relation to any outstanding matters regarding Option A	Wednesday 9 December 2015	Immediately after the previous compulsory acquisition hearing	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB

Open floor hearing in relation to the Proposed Provision for the compulsory acquisition of rights and the imposition of restrictions over additional land in relation to Option B (if required)	Wednesday 9 December 2015	Commencing at 5.30pm	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB
Open floor hearing in relation to Option A (if required)	Wednesday 9 December 2015	Immediately after the previous open floor hearing	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB
Issue specific hearing on the draft DCO for both the Option B draft DCO and any remaining matters in relation to the Option A draft DCO	Thursday 10 December 2015	Commencing at 10.00am.	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB
Accompanied site inspection if required	Friday 11 December 2015	Commencing at 9.30am	Denbigh Town Hall, Crown Lane, Denbigh, LL16 3TB

The hearing venue will be open to the public half an hour before the start of the hearing.

#### COPIES OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Application documents (for both the Option A and B schemes), including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage:

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

Hard copies of the Application documents can be viewed at the following public locations:

LOCATION	OPENING TIMES
Denbigh Library Hall Square Denbigh LL16 3NU	Monday - 9.30am to 7pm      Friday - 9.30am to 5pm Tuesday - 9.30am to 5pm      Saturday - 9.30am to 12.30pm Wednesday - 9.30am to 5pm      Sunday - closed Thursday - 9.30am to 1pm
<b>St Asaph Library</b> The Roe St Asaph LL17 0LU	Monday - 9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 5pm Tuesday - 1.30pm to 5pm Wednesday - 9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 5pm Thursday - closed Friday - 9.30am to 12.30pm & 1.30pm to 5pm Saturday - closed Sunday - closed

Copying charges will apply.

The Application documents can also be viewed online at libraries with internet facilities, using the web address above.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Application, the hearings, how to take part in the Examination and any other matter covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or the SP Manweb by using the following contact details:

<b>THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE</b>	<b>SP MANWEB PLC</b>
<p><b>Post:</b> The Planning Inspectorate 3/18 Eagle Wing Temple Quay House 2 The Square Bristol BS1 6PN</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:NWWFConnection@pins.gsi.gov.uk">NWWFConnection@pins.gsi.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 0303 444 5000</p> <p><b>Website</b> <a href="http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/NWWFConnection">http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/NWWFConnection</a></p> <p>Please quote the Application reference number 'EN020014' in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Scheme.</p> <p>Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked FAO: Nicholas Coombes.</p>	<p><b>Post:</b> North Wales Wind Farm Connection Team SP Energy Networks 3 Prenton Way Prenton CH43 3ET</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:nwindfarmsconnection@communityrelations.co.uk">nwindfarmsconnection@communityrelations.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Phone:</b> 0800 021 7879</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.scottishpower.com">www.scottishpower.com</a></p>

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