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Ecology and Biodiversity	General		
	Sections 6.8.9, 6.8.42 and 6.8.90 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Felled trees to be replaced with either, the same or, an appropriate species, based on two trees planted for each tree lost. SP Manweb's statutory mitigation duty ensures that it reinstates vegetation, trees, hedgerows, soils and other environmental resources which are unavoidably removed or displaced during construction operations, in order to further reduce effects of the Proposed Development. (Section 7.4.106 (DCO Document Ref 6.7). As well as a landscape benefit this planting also provides ecological enhancement.	CEMP, Section 3.2.3 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 7(1) and 13(1)
	Local Wildlife Sites - Proposed Development will intersect seven Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)		
	Construction		
Section 6.8.3 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Areas of woodland within the LWSs to be resurveyed prior to construction in order to ensure that all ecological baseline information is up to date and to inform the micro-setting of the poles and access routes.	Non Statutory Designated Wildlife Sites, Section 2.7.4, Ecological Management Plan Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)	
Section 6.8.3 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Ancient Woodland - Ecological Clerk of Works (EcCoW) to be present during construction works. (EcCoW to be experienced in ancient woodland habitats).	Non Statutory Designated Wildlife Sites, Section 2.7.4, Ecological Management Plan Development Consent Order (DCO),	

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			Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.4 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Poles to be positioned away from any ancient woodland indicator species; in the event that this is not possible then key plant species and the associated soil, to an appropriate depth, to be translocated to a suitable area within the LWS in advance of the proposed works.	Non Statutory Designated Wildlife Sites, Section 2.7.5, Ecological Management Plan Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.5 – 6.8.6 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>In order to comply with safety regulations trees which are close to the line or could fall across it will need to be felled - trees would be cut to just above ground level and then allowed to develop into coppiced woodland.</p> <p>EcCoW will ensure that trees are only felled in order to comply with safety regulations.</p> <p>Management of coppicing will be in line with the Trees and Woodland Method Statement included within the EcMP including (as set out in sections 2.7.16 to 2.7.20 of the EcMP):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree works will be undertaken in compliance with BS 3998:2010 and BS 5837:2012 with due consideration given to trees requiring works and retained trees within the locality. • If trees require removal or lopping, then wherever possible a reduction in the height of the tree to a 2m stump should be considered in the first instance rather than full removal at the base. Leaving standing timber in situ should be the first preference for all trees to be removed. The possibility of leaving 	Ecological Management Plan, Section 2.7.7 and 2.7.11 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)

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		<p>the cut timber at appropriate locations within the Order Limits should also be considered. A suitably qualified arboriculturalist shall be appointed to develop a complete tree felling schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible tree felling will take place in the winter months. • To promote the development of valuable deadwood habitats, any dead or almost dead trees will be re-surveyed and should be retained in situ unless they have to be removed for safety reasons. • There will be a requirement to coppice tree groups/woodland affected by the Proposed Development. Whilst the creation of a clear swathe is preferable in minimising the requirement for future management, the potential ecological implications of fragmenting existing trees must be considered. Groups requiring whole or partial removal will consequently be managed as areas of coppice and therefore not require additional planting. 	
	Section 6.8.7 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Hedgerow to be planted, perpendicular to the overhead line, to join two sections of woodland bisected by the Proposed Development (in order to maintain connectivity between woodland sections in LWSs). In total 550 m of new hedgerow will be planted.	Ecological Management Plan Section 2.8.17 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.9 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Tree works to be undertaken during the colder winter months, subject to other protected species constraints.	CEMP, Section 3.2.3(ii) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)

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	Section 6.8.9 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	No storage of any materials within the LWS boundary	Ecological Management Plan, Section 2.7.9 CEMP, Section 3.3.2 (iv), 3.2.3 (iv) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1) and 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.9 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>Newly planted areas of woodland, outside of the LWS, will be managed in accordance with the Tree and Woodland Method Statement as set out in the Ecological Management Plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New replacement trees shall, as far as is reasonably practicable, be sourced from the respective region of provenance for the respective counties (Denbighshire and Conwy). Where this is not possible, only nursery stock grown in the UK for a minimum of 1 year shall be used. • Planting shall be carried out in the British planting season (November to March) wherever possible. This should be in suitable conditions with soil that is moist, friable and not waterlogged. Where soil is frozen or covered in snow, additional root protection may be required. 	Ecological Management Plan, Section 2.7.23 – 2.7.24 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.9 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Any access routes into/through LWS to be clearly marked and any access into/through woodland to be kept to an absolute minimum	Ecological Management Plan Section 2.7.10 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule

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			2, 13(1) and 13(1)(a)
	<i>Operation</i>		
	Section 6.8.12 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>Dormouse (a key species that could be present within coppiced woodland). Any management needs to take this, and other, species into consideration</p> <p>A European Protected Species (EPS) Licence for dormice is to be in place prior to the commencement of works</p> <p>A draft EPS licence has been prepared. This has been submitted Appendix 6.20, as part of the Deadline One response to First Written Question 6.20(b). Proposed mitigation included in the draft licence includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any hedgerows which are to be removed will be modified in advance to render it unsuitable. This would require hard pruning late in the previous season, i.e. after the young have weaned and are mobile and before dormice go into hibernation; • A suitably experienced EcCoW should be present on site at times when any vegetation removal/management is to be undertaken, be it for access, post installation or habitat manipulation; • Any works in woodland should be undertaken after a check for nests and be carried out in small sections to allow dormice to move away from area. It should be done in such a way that dormice are not 'pushed' into an area from which they cannot escape; • Hedgerows can be important conduits for dormice and if removal is for more than 48 hours then brushings should be laid down to maintain the hedge line; • Excavations should be filled in or covered over at night and 	<p>Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.9—2.8.18)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)</p>

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		<p>checked each morning prior to the commencement of work. Alternatively escape routes can be incorporated into the excavation</p> <p>Liaison with NRW and the local dormouse group will be undertaken</p>	
	Section 6.8.14 to 6.8.16 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Hedgerows to be managed sympathetically and should be laid. Hedgerows are typically first laid, depending on species, after 10-15 years growth. This thickens the hedgerow from the base giving greater wildlife habitats. .	<p>Hedgerow Management Plan, Sections 2.6 and 2.7.</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(b)</p>
	Section 6.8.17 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Some brash piles will be retained on site, as directed by the EcCoW, to give alternative over-wintering sites for small mammals and amphibians.	<p>Ecological Management Plan Section 2.7.3</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)</p>
<i>Broadleaved Woodland and Plantation on Ancient Woodland</i>			
<i>Construction</i>			
	Section 6.8.22 – 6.8.25 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>This habitat will be managed in the same way as the woodland areas within LWS, as detailed above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to construction the areas of woodland will be resurveyed. Where suitable tree species are present they will be coppiced. • Hedgerows will be planted perpendicular to the overhead line to improve connectivity between the two areas of woodland. <p>Where conifers are present in woodland these will be felled as conifers</p>	<p>Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.7.14 – 2.7.24)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)</p>

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		cannot be coppiced.	
Hedgerows			
<i>Construction</i>			
	Section 6.8.28 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Where hedgerows are to be removed to allow pole installation the hedgerow removal will where possible be temporary and it will be replaced within 48hrs	Hedgerow Management Plan, paragraphs 2.5.19 - 2.5.12 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(b)
	Section 6.8.29 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Lengths of hedgerow removed for access purposes, within the Order Limits, will be reinstated after use. Planting will be undertaken using appropriate native species as detailed in the Hedgerow Management Plan. Species to include; Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, Elder, Rose sp., Oak sp., Field Maple and Holly	Hedgerow Management Plan, paragraph 2.6.5 Outline Landscape Management Plan, Table 1 (ES Appendix 7.6 DCO Document Reference 6.20.6)Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(b)
	Section 6.8.31 and Section 6.8.32 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Hedgerows to be removed will be hard-pruned in the autumn prior to construction; this will be undertaken in the 'window' after bird breeding has finished and before dormice have gone into hibernation. It will also be after young dormice are weaned and are therefore mobile. Hard-pruning will render the hedgerow unsuitable for over-wintering species	Hedgerow Management Plan, paragraphs 2.5.3-4 Ecological Management Plan, paragraphs 2.8.11

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		<p>and also for bird breeding in the following spring.</p> <p>Sections of hedgerow to be removed will be clearly marked out to ensure a minimum take.</p>	<p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(b)</p>
<i>Operation</i>			
	<p>Section 6.8.34 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).</p>	<p>Hedgerows, be it reinstated or newly planted, will be surveyed 12 months after construction has been completed to ensure that the recovery has been successful; in cases where plants have failed, new appropriate native species will be planted into the hedgerow</p>	<p>Hedgerow Management Plan, paragraphs 2.7.1</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(b)</p>
	<p>Section 6.8.35 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).</p>	<p>Newly planted hedgerows will be sympathetically managed by cutting within years 2 to 3 (dependent on growth). At between 10 and 15 years hedgerows will be laid to further increase their wildlife value (see 'Hedgerows' in LWSs)</p>	<p>Hedgerow Management Plan, paragraphs 2.7.2 and 2.7.4</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(b)</p>
<i>Mature trees</i>			
<i>Construction</i>			
	<p>Section 6.8.39 / 6.8.41 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).</p>	<p>Only trees which need to be removed to satisfy safety regulations will be felled. Trees may need to be coppice or pollarded where appropriate and an EcCoW would be present on site to advise on this</p> <p>Any felling, or other tree works, would be carried out wherever possible</p>	<p>Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.7.14 – 2.7.24)</p>

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		during the winter months	Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.40 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	An assessment of all trees to be felled would be conducted for bat potential, using a qualified tree climber and licenced bat ecologist. Additional survey work would be undertaken as appropriate. Mitigation for bats is addressed below	Ecological Management Plan, paragraphs 2.7.14 and 2.8.19 Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Section 6.8.42 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Any mature trees lost would be replaced on a 2:1 basis with appropriate native species.	CEMP (Section 3.2.3 (i) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 7(1)
Other habitats - standing dead wood - 2 trees have been identified which are dead or almost dead			
	Section 6.8.45 – 6.8.47 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	To be assessed by the arboriculturist. The trees should be retained in situ. If the trees present a hazard then reducing their size should be the first consideration in order to retain some standing timber. In the event that they have to be removed the timber should be laid down and left at an appropriate location where it will still have value as a habitat.	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.7.19) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
GCN - There are four ponds which support GCN within 500m of the Final Route Alignment (these are shown on the			

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	figures in Appendix 6.2 (DCO Doc reference 6.29).		
	<i>Construction</i>		
	Section 6.8.49 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>[Additional survey work will be required prior to construction]. Method Statement to be prepared incorporating the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fingertip search by a licenced ecologist through any habitat which could harbour GCN at an appropriate time of year; • Sections of hedgerow, which need to be removed temporarily for pole installation or access, should be hard pruned to make them less desirable as newt overwintering sites. This management should not be carried out during the bird breeding season. September would be an appropriate time; • EcCoW to supervise works in areas where GCN may be present; • Any vegetation management in woodland not to be undertaken when newts could be overwintering; • Any potential overwintering refuges, fallen timber etc. must be left in situ. In the event that they must be moved they should be relocated closer to the newt pond in suitable habitat; • Timber arising from tree works to be used to create additional newt habitat; • Materials not to be stored in areas where they may be used by GCN; • Excavations should be filled in or covered over at night alternatively escape routes can be incorporated into the excavation. Any excavations to be checked each morning prior to the commencement of work. 	<p>Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.1. – 2.8.7)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)</p>

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	<i>Operation</i> - The potential for harm to GCN is largely confined to areas of coppiced woodland within close proximity of known GCN ponds		
	Section 6.8.51 – 6.8.52 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	It will be important to avoid the overwintering period if it is believed that GCN could be present. Removing fallen timber and other overwintering habitats to areas where it can remain undisturbed will ensure that management can continue without being in breach of wildlife legislation. However, constraints on the timing of works resulting from the possible presence of other species is likely to give a small window of opportunity in which management can be undertaken	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.8) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	<i>Dormice</i>		
	<i>Construction</i>		
Section 6.8.54 – 6.8.58 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>European Protected Species (EPS) Licence to be in place prior to the commencement of works. This has been submitted Appendix 6.20, as part of the Deadline One response to First Written Question 6.20(b).</p> <p>Proposed mitigation to be included in EPS licence has been prepared, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any hedgerows which are to be removed will be modified in advance to render it unsuitable. This would require hard pruning late in the previous season, i.e. after the young have weaned and are mobile and before dormice go into hibernation; • A suitably experienced EcCoW should be present on site at times when any vegetation removal/management is to be undertaken, be it for access, post installation or habitat manipulation; • Any works in woodland should be undertaken after a check for nests and be carried out in small sections to allow dormice to move 	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.9 – 2.8.16) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)	

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		<p>away from area. It should be done in such a way that dormice are not 'pushed' into an area from which they cannot escape;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedgerows can be important conduits for dormice and if removal is for more than 48 hours then brushings should be laid down to maintain the hedge line; • Excavations should be filled in or covered over at night and checked each morning prior to the commencement of work. Alternatively escape routes can be incorporated into the excavation. <p>Liaison with NRW and the local dormouse group will be undertaken.</p>	
<i>Operation</i> - The key potential impact will be caused by the management of the coppiced areas			
	Section 6.8.59 – 6.8.61 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>Such areas could contain dormice at any time of year and the inevitable disturbance should be timed to have the least impact (late summer/early autumn before the dormice have gone into hibernation and after the young are weaned).</p> <p>Overwintering sites, in the form of retained brushings will be located on site. (New hedgerows will be planted to maintain connectivity between woodland sections in LWS).</p> <p>EPS licence is likely to be required to undertake this work. Work in these areas to be under direct supervision of an EcCoW.</p>	<p>Ecological Management Plan (Sections 2.8.17, 2.8.20 and 2.4.1)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)</p>
Bats			
<i>Construction</i>			
	Section 6.8.66 (DCO Document Ref	All trees which could be subjected to felling or other work will be assessed for bat roost potential prior to the commencement of construction. Where necessary a climber will be used and where	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.19,

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	6.6).	<p>necessary dusk/dawn activity surveys will be undertaken. These need to be carried out during the previous summer.</p> <p>If night-time lighting is required at the construction compound or temporary storage compounds, low pressure sodium lamps would be used (instead of mercury or metal halide lamps). The lighting should be directional and spill minimised through the use of hoods, cowls, louvres or shields. Ideally, movement sensors will be used to reduce the overall duration that lighting is on each night.</p> <p>If there is an unacceptable risk of an offence, then an EPS Licence will be required. Liaison with NRW will be undertaken.</p>	2.8.20 and 2.4.1) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
Common lizard			
<i>Construction</i>			
	Section 6.8.72 – 6.8.74 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>An EcCoW will be present on site during any work on habitat in the south considered suitable for reptiles.</p> <p>A method statement will be prepared and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas will be cleared of lizards by gentle disturbance, for example walking over the site; • Habitat should be modified, by clearing potential refuges and cutting vegetation short to discourage common lizard from using the area; • Any refuges removed from one area should be relocated in a suitable area away from the Proposed Development site under supervision of an ecologist. <p>If habitat cannot be cleared and an offence is considered likely then it</p>	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.24 – 2.8.28) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)

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		will be necessary to install exclusion fencing and then trap and remove lizards from the area.	
	<i>Operation</i>		
	Section 6.8.75 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>Prior to vegetation management a walkover survey will be undertaken to identify habitats suitable for common lizard. In cases where habitat is deemed to be suitable a method statement will be prepared and will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An EcCoW will be present on site during the works. • Areas will be cleared of lizards by gentle disturbance, for example walking over the site; • Habitat should be modified, by clearing potential refuges and cutting vegetation short to discourage common lizard from using the area; • Any refuges removed from one area should be relocated in a suitable area away from the Proposed Development site under supervision of an ecologist. 	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.29) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	<i>Badger</i>		
	<i>Construction</i> - Badgers are widespread throughout the route of the Proposed Development.		
	Section 6.8.78 – 6.8.79 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	<p>A badger survey will be undertaken prior to the commencement of works. This will be undertaken in advance so as to allow time for further detailed survey work and a licence to be acquired if necessary. If a main sett needs to be excluded this can only be done between July and November.</p> <p>Subject to outcome an EPS Licence or Method Statement may be required. EcCoW may be required to ensure legal compliance and to</p>	Ecological Management Plan (Sections 2.8.30 – 2.8.32) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule

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		advise the staff on the ground.	2, 13(1)(a)
<i>Operation</i>			
	Section 6.8.80 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Walkover survey prior to any vegetation management. If setts are found then a buffer will be created to prevent disturbance. Subject to the outcome of the survey an EPS Licence or Method Statement may be required. EcCoW may be required to ensure legal compliance and to advise the staff on the ground.	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.33) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
Otter			
<i>Construction</i>			
	Sections 6.8.82 – 6.8.85) (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Otter survey around the River Elwy where signs of otter have been found. If an otter is shown to be present in a holt or lying up area then a 30m exclusion zone must be observed. However, if the holt is a natal holt then the exclusion zone is a minimum of 200m. If an otter is present a method statement will be required. It will be necessary to wait until the holt is vacated before work can proceed. In the event that works could result in a breach of the legislation then liaison with NRW and a licence may be required Excavations should be filled in or covered over at night and checked each morning prior to the commencement of work. Alternatively escape routes can be incorporated into the excavation.	Ecological Management Plan (Sections 2.8.34 – 2.8.37) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
<i>Operation</i>			

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	Section 6.8.86 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Impacts are considered minimal, survey to be undertaken prior to any works. If otter is found to be present then the same measures as employed during construction (as set out above), should be observed.	Ecological Management Plan (Section 2.8.38) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(a)
	Farmland Birds - Breeding birds could be present in various habitats and in particular woodlands, individual trees and hedgerows.		
	<i>Construction -</i>		
	Section 6.8.89 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Work should be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season. If the work is programmed between March and August (inclusive) then hedgerows should be hard-pruned during the winter prior to the work. This will discourage birds using the hedgerow as a nesting site. If there is still a likelihood that birds are nesting then a suitably experienced ecologist should carry out a survey prior to works; work may be prevented until young birds have fledged	Ecological Management Plan (Sections 2.8.39 – 2.8.40) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	<i>Operation</i>		
	Section 6.8.91 (DCO Document Ref 6.6).	Management of the coppiced woodland must be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season.	Ecological Management Plan (Sections 2.8.41)
Landscape and Visual	<i>Construction</i>		
	Section 7.6.8	Measures to reduce construction effects on landscape and visual could	CEMP (Sections 2.9.4,

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	(DCO Document Ref 6.7).	<p>include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tree protection in and around working areas (in accordance with B5837: 2012); • good working practice for the storage and transport of plants; • replacement of hedgerows, which have to be removed, and replanting with appropriate native species; • avoidance of tree removal (coppicing or pollarding to be used if possible and appropriate); and • replacing any lost trees on a two for one basis with the same species (with the exception of ash). 	<p>3.2.3, 3.3.2)</p> <p>Hedgerow Management Plan, Section 2.4</p> <p>Outline Landscape Management Plan, (Appendix 7.6 to the ES)(DCO Document Ref 6.20.6)) Section 4: General Plant Supply and Establishment</p> <p>Ecological Management Plan (Sections 2.6 and 2.7)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)</p>
	Section 7.8 (DCO Document Ref 6.7).	<p>Specific mitigation measures include a series of planting proposals to mitigate identified effects on landscape character and views, and residential visual amenity. These measures include tree planting, additional hedgerow and hedgerow tree planting within the Order Limits. These area are immediately adjacent to the Final Route Alignment, and include linear planting belts and blocks of woodland</p>	<p>Landscaping Plans (DCO Document Reference 2.6)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 7(1)</p>

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		<p>planting.</p> <p>The locations of these planting proposals are indicated in Figure 7.13¹ 'Indicative Locations for Landscape and Visual Mitigation and General Environmental Enhancement' and the Landscaping Plans².</p> <p>Locations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tir Mostyn ridge; • Saron (woodland edge/ localised wooded stream valley); • Near Bryn Foel and Tan Yr Allt; • Ridge east of Foel Gasyth; • B4501 at Peniel; • Plas Captain/ Ty Coch; • Pandy Wood; • A543 (where the OHL crosses the road near Groes); • Eriviat Park near Coed Wern Ddu ASNW and B5428; • Woodland northwest of Eriviat Bach Isaf; • Hafod and Hafod Dingle, Clwydian Way, Lechryd Bach; • Berain; • Nant Y Croen Llwm/ Tyddyn Bartley/ Croen Llwm Mawr/ North Wales Pilgrim's way Woodland near Bryniau Bychain; 	

¹ DCO Document 6.16

² DCO Documents 2.6.1 – 2.6.13

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodland near Bod-ysgawen Isaf; • Elwy Valley slopes (southern ridge near Bodysgawen Isaf); • Afon Elwy / Coed Wig and Coed y Fadir / Elwy Valley slopes (to east of the river); • Plas Hafod (near Plas Newydd); • Cefn Meiriadog ridge; • Tan Yr Allt; • Ty Coch; • Eriviat Bach Isaf; • Lechryd Bach. 	
Cultural Heritage			
	<p><i>Construction</i></p> <p>Section 8.4.76 (DCO Document Ref 6.8).</p>	<p>A Draft Construction Method Statement, will set out best practice procedures to be followed for construction and decommissioning works (including reinstatement) (Appendix 2.1 (DCO Doc Ref 6.18). This would include procedures for defining site access to avoid heritage assets and protect them from disturbance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The positions of heritage assets would be taken into account when defining access routes, working areas and temporary storage areas and, as necessary when micro-siting wood pole positions. • Heritage assets identified along the course of the route may represent only a part of the total historic environment resource. In terms of on-site construction, the most practical and effective mitigation for undesignated assets, which may survive only as sub- 	<p>CEMP (Section 3.4.3) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)</p>

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		<p>surface deposits, involves carrying out a watching brief in potentially sensitive areas during the excavations for the installation of poles and stays. In the event that something of significance is identified, sufficient time would be allowed to ensure that an adequate record of the remains is made.</p>	
Water Quality and Flood Risk			
	<p><i>Construction</i></p> <p>Section 9.6 (DCO Document Ref 6.9).</p>	<p>Embedded mitigation</p> <p>Some crossing of rivers will be inevitable and where this has to occur the shortest route possible has been chosen rather than running obliquely across along river valleys. This has allowed all rivers, with the exception of the Afon Elwy, to be crossed without any supporting poles being within a recognized flood plain.</p> <p>The River Elwy floodplain is too wide to cross without intermediate support but only one pole has been located within the floodplain, and that sited as far from the main river as possible.</p> <p>The selection of wooden poles minimises the effects on groundwater and water quality as they which require a less substantial foundation than larger steel towers and the use of concrete is minimised. This will reduce the need for excavation and importation of materials, and reduce the risk of cementitious materials close to small watercourses. .</p> <p>Mitigation provided by the adoption of good environmental practice include:</p>	<p>CEMP (Sections 2.10.1, 2.16.1-10 and 3.6.3(iii))</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1) 2.4.2)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wherever possible, machinery and equipment will be kept a minimum of 10m from the edge of the watercourse. If the watercourse has an associated floodplain, machinery and equipment shall be located 10m from the edge of the floodplain. Soil shall only be stockpiled in locations sited at least 10m away from any watercourse. If the watercourse has an associated floodplain, stockpiled soil shall be located 10m from the edge of the floodplain. Silt fences shall be used around stockpiled soil where considered appropriate. • Water containing silt will not be pumped or allowed to flow into watercourses. • Where possible, water will be prevented from entering excavations. • The amount of exposed ground will be minimised in the working area to reduce the risk of silty surface water runoff. • Fuel, oil and chemical storage will only be permitted at the construction compound and not on site. • Suitable spill kits or absorbent materials will be held in the vicinity of the watercourses during works. In the event of a spill, the spilt material shall be contained and the incident management procedures followed. 	
Land Use and	Agriculture		
	<i>Construction</i>		

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Agriculture	Section 10.6.2 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	The majority of pole positions would be accessed by existing farm access arrangements and field gates.	Access and Right of Way Plans ³
	Section 10.6.3 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	SP Manweb will arrange pre-entry meetings with owners and occupiers of land or their agents to ensure that disruption to farming activities is kept, where possible, to a minimum and there will be liaison with farmers and / or their agents throughout.	CEMP (Section 3.6.2 (ii)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.4 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	Location of any field drains to be which could be damaged by the construction works to be identified by SP Manweb with the assistance of the landowner/occupier. These drains may be diverted at pole sites and protected elsewhere. Any damage to land drainage caused by the construction works will be reinstated and/or compensation paid as appropriate.	CEMP (Section 3.6.2 (iii)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.5 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	On grassland, where required, the agreed access routes will be clearly delineated. Any area damaged by the works and agreed to be not in the permanent use of SP Manweb will be reinstated and/or reseeded, to bring it back into agricultural use. Care will be taken to prevent the disturbance and straying of livestock. In the interests of security, all field gates will be kept shut unless otherwise requested.	CEMP (Section 3.6.2(iv)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.6 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	Any hedges or fences will be replaced, as appropriate, where breached for access and construction purposes.	CEMP (Section 3.6.2(v)) Development Consent Order (DCO),

³ DCO Document Ref 2.4

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	6.10)		Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)(
	Section 10.6.7 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	Care will be taken in locating the temporary lay down areas, and in storing soil or stone away from water courses and standing water.	CEMP (Section 2.16 and 3.6.2 (vi)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.8 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	Wood pole erection sites and other work areas will be demarcated where necessary Fencing may be provided along temporary access tracks, surrounding excavations for pole positions or around winching and pulling positions. Fencing will be temporary for the duration of the construction works. It may also be left in situ at the request of a landowner.	CEMP (Sections 2.4.1 and 3.6.2(vii)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.9 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	Topsoil and subsoil from the pole foundations will be stored separately. Any surplus subsoil or rock following backfilling, will be removed to a licensed tip or otherwise disposed of as agreed in consultation with the landowner/occupier and / or agent.	CEMP (Section 3.6.2(viii)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.10 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	Any timber cut will remain the landowner's property and will be stacked at a convenient location in accordance with the landowner/occupiers reasonable requirements unless removal is requested.	CEMP (Section 3.6.2 (ix)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.11 (DCO	Prior to work commencing, the land will be inspected and a detailed record of its condition noted, including private roads, gateways and	CEMP (Section 3.6.2(x))

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	Document ref 6.10)	fences along the route of the line and access routes.	Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.12 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	<p>Biosecurity measures will be implemented as appropriate (including the control of invasive species).</p> <p>Measures in the EcMP include:</p> <p>Invasive species</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-construction surveys will be undertaken in advance of works where vegetation removal is required (EcMP Section 2.7.1) • If invasive species are identified within the working area a 7m exclusion zone will be established around all stands of invasive species (EcMP Section 2.7.2) • If vegetation clearance is required within the exclusion zones, cut vegetation within those areas will be treated as contaminated waste and appropriately disposed of accordingly. Methods will follow standard guidance for the species concerned and this may require disposal at a licensed landfill site. It is envisaged that any clearance work of this type would be undertaken by a specialist contractor. (EcMP Section 2.7.3) <p>Biosecurity</p> <p>CEMP</p>	<p>Section 2.7.1 – 2.7.3 Ecological Management Plan⁴</p> <p>CEMP (Section 3.6.2(xi))</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1) and 13(1)(a)</p>

⁴ Appendix 2.1 to DCO Document Ref 6.18

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		<p><i>Animal Disease</i></p> <p>A number of the biosecurity measures will be adopted where the potential for spread of animal disease has been identified through discussions with landowners and the relevant authorities:</p> <p>Measures could include (CEMP Section 2.15.2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock vehicles or trailers must be cleansed and disinfected in accordance with current legislation. • If other vehicles are taken on to the premises they should, wherever possible, be parked on hard standing away from farm animals and must be visibly free of for example animal excreta and slurry. Vehicles or trailers should not normally be taken into areas where farm animals have access. Before leaving the premises all visible contamination with manure, slurry or similar material must be removed (including where appropriate, cleaning of the inside of vehicles, especially foot wells and pedals). If this is not possible, vehicles and trailers must be cleaned before they are taken onto other premises with farm animals, either at the end of the day or before the next visit. • Owners or farm managers are recommended to have facilities available for disinfecting vehicles, footwear and clothing. If facilities are not available on farm, cleansing and disinfection should be arranged as soon as possible and before the next visit to premises with farm animals. • Suitable protective clothing and footwear must be worn on all premises where visits include entering areas where farm animals are present or to which they normally have access. Contractors should ensure clothing is changed and washed between visits to different premises. 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment used must be clean on arrival and on departure. Great care must be taken when cleaning electrical apparatus or tools. Where possible equipment should be protected from contamination, for example by using plastic bags. Where equipment can be cleansed and disinfected this must be done before entry to the premises and again on departure. <p>If a disease outbreak occurred during the construction of the Proposed Development SP Manweb and the Construction Contractor would discuss the requirements for work with the affected landowners and the relevant regulatory authority. Primary risk controls are based upon avoidance of the need to undertake work, minimising staff numbers on site and restricting staff and equipment for the duration of the works. A licence may be required if the works are to continue during such an outbreak. (CEMP Section 2.15.5).</p> <p><i>Other Pests and Diseases</i></p> <p>Biosecurity measures should be put in place if works are undertaken that require working close to or entering of ponds. If working in, or near to ponds, boots and equipment should be sprayed following standard protocols with an approved chemical such as Virkon™.</p> <p>Biosecurity measures which will be adopted in forestry areas include (CEMP Sections 2.15.6 to 2.15.9):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear footwear and outerwear that can easily be kept clean • Clean footwear and outerwear regularly; ensure they are visually free from soil and organic debris • Clean vehicles regularly; do not let mud and organic debris accumulate on tyres, wheels or under wheel arches 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrict equipment taken onto a site – take only what you need for the task • Ensure all tools and equipment are clean, serviceable and free from organic debris 	
	Section 10.6.13 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	<p>There is a requirement to remove a small section of recently planted forestry – a range of environmental protection measures will be employed to minimise the risk of environmental damage</p> <p>Measures in the CEMP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where Phytophthora is known to occur, tools and equipment, including boots and vehicle tyres, should be sprayed following standard protocols with an approved disinfectant such as Propeller™ which targets plant pathogens 	CEMP (Sections 2.15.7 – 2.15.9) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Section 10.6.15 (DCO Document ref 6.10) Response to FWQ 6.8	<p>All harvesting will be carried out in accordance with the Forestry Commission's Forest and Water Guidelines (2011). The following measures will be employed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forestry Clearance:</i> Forestry clearance will occur at a rate of 0.5 hectares per day. Four hectares are required to be felled for the Proposed Development, with an estimated timescale of 8 days for felling. • <i>Protection of soil structure:</i> Damage will be minimised by the use of 'brash mats' for use on the access and extraction routes upon which the harvesters and forwarders travel within harvesting areas. • <i>Protection of watercourses:</i> It may be necessary for extraction routes to cross rivers and streams. Watercourses will be bridged, where appropriate, to minimise the risk of siltation. On the completion of operations bridges will be removed. 	CEMP (Sections 2.9.5, 2.10.1 and 3.6.3) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protection against spillage:</i> The fuelling and servicing of machines on-site will be carried out in designated locations well away from watercourses. Fuel and diesel bowsers will be bunded against accidental spillage. Machines will carry appropriate spillage kits and there will be additional spillage equipment kept on site. Operators will be provided with the contact details of relevant organisations who will be contacted in the event of a spillage occurring. • <i>Protection against spillage:</i> Any other materials that could spill are not to be stored along the route alignment but confined to the construction compound. 	
	Response to FWQ 4.14.	<p>Discussion will be undertaken with affected landowners to identify water supplies used for livestock. During construction, if livestock are unable to be relocated away from the actual work areas and grazed elsewhere, SP Manweb will provide replacement water sources through the provision of additional water piping or water troughs.</p> <p>If there is a temporary or permanent loss of private water supply, SP Manweb will provide replacement water supply to affected individuals.</p>	CEMP (Sections 2.5.1 and 2.5.2) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
	Chapter 10 and Appendix 10.1 (DCO Document reference 6.10 and 6.22 respectively), Response to FWQ 4.1	A detailed ground investigation survey is to be undertaken prior to any construction works taking place along the route of the Proposed Development.	CEMP (Section 2.3.2 (i)) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
Geology and Ground Conditions			

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	Section 10.8.2 (DCO Document ref 6.10)	<p>A site walkover will be undertaken by a Geotechnical Engineer to visually examine ground conditions at the proposed pole locations. Field tests will be undertaken (comprising hand vane and / or probing) to more accurately estimate the composition and strength of the near surface soils, and to probe for the potential presence of shallow bedrock. A visual inspection of the surrounding area would also be undertaken to assess the potential risk of slope stability and other ground related hazards.</p> <p>This will be undertaken as part of the preconstruction ground investigation surveys.</p>	CEMP (Section 2.3.2) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)
Traffic and Transport	<i>Construction</i>		
	Section 12.6.1 (DCO Document ref 6.12)	<p>Embedded Mitigation</p> <p>Potential effects would be mitigated by the use of good construction management practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the indicative construction programme has minimised the overlap between activities that generate higher flows on the network; • the areas where work is to commence would be signed to show the programme for construction traffic and any routes that may be affected; • narrow roads would be accessed using escort vehicles to highlight the approach of the larger pole carrying or material vehicles to ensure conflicts are removed or reduced; • safe access points for the construction of the overhead line have been identified; and 	<p>Traffic Management Plan, Appendix 2.1 Part E, DCO Document Ref 6.18E</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Construction Environmental Management Plan includes an Outline Traffic Management Plan. 	
Emissions	<i>Construction</i>		
	Section 13.6.2 (DCO Document ref 6.13)	<p>The measures within the CEMP will minimise noise and vibration during construction. These measures would be implemented by the Contractor, who will also be required to liaise with the Local Authorities' Environmental Health Department to minimise impacts at all times. Control measures routinely applied in this way would include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> selecting inherently quiet plant; the use, where necessary and practicable, of enclosures and screens around noisy fixed plant (noise barriers shall be constructed of timber no less than 19mm thick with tight joints). limiting site work where possible to daytime hours; adherence to relevant British Standards; and adhering to working hours. <p>General hours of work are 07.00 to 19.00 in the months of March to October and 07.30 to 17.30 or as daylight allows in the months November to February. Some works may be required outside of the core hours. This will be limited to: the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the installation and removal of protective netting across highways or watercourses; the completion of operations commenced during the core working hours which cannot be safely stopped; and 	CEMP (Section,2.1.4, 2.6 and 3.9) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)

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	Section 13.6.4 (DCO Document ref 6.13)	<p>c. start up and close down activities 1 hour either side of the core working hours</p> <p>Measures to control air quality and dust effects, such as dust suppression measures and wheel washing prior to vehicle leaving the construction compound are identified and set out in the Design and Construction Report (DCO Doc Ref 7.1) and incorporated within the CEMP.</p> <p>These measures will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring all vehicle movements are kept to the absolute minimum; • Rigorously enforcing appropriate speed limits for all construction vehicles; • Using low emission vehicles and plant fitted with catalysts, diesel particulate filters or similar devices; • Requiring that plant is well maintained, with routine servicing of plant and vehicles to be carried out in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations; • Requiring that all construction vehicles hold current MOT certificates and that they comply with the exhaust emission regulations for their class; • Requiring all vehicles to switch off engines when not in use; • Minimising the use of diesel or petrol powered generators and using mains electricity or battery powered equipment where practicable • No burning of waste materials to be permitted on site; • Vehicle loads to be sheeted during the transportation of loose or 	CEMP (Section 2.8) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)

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		<p>potentially dusty material or spoil; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular cleaning of site work areas and wheel washing facilities if necessary 	
	Section 13.6.5 (DCO Document ref 6.13)	<p>Measures to control waste have been incorporated within the CEMP. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • waste to be removed at frequent intervals: • all waste to be identified, quantified and where practicable appropriately segregated: • site waste susceptible to spreading by wind or liable to cause litter would be stored in secure containers; • only registered carriers would be used to take waste off-site; • no burning of waste materials would be permitted on site; • in the event of a spillage, all contaminated material would be removed from the site to a licensed waste facility; • only soil that is to be re-used would be stored on site; and • Any soil moved, handled or stored on site would be treated in accordance with Defra's Construction Code of Practice for the Sustainable Use of Soils on Construction Sites. 	<p>CEMP (Section 2.8.2, 2.10.1, 2.11.2)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)</p>
	Section 13.6.6 (DCO Document ref 6.13)	<p>The main contractor will be required to develop a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP would set the framework for the management of wastes generated during the construction process. It would document the decisions taken during the planning and design stages to minimise waste and set objectives and targets for the main</p>	<p>CEMP (Section 2.11.3)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)</p>

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		<p>waste types. It would also identify the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsibilities within the construction team for waste management; • the types of waste and the quantities likely to be generated; • measures to be adopted during construction to minimise waste generated; • opportunities for recycling and/or reuse; • proposed treatment and disposal sites together with details of their Environmental Permit; and • provisions for staff training and use of the SWMP 	
	Section 13.7.5 – 13.7.9 (DCO Document ref 6.13)	<p>2 locations have been where specific noise mitigation measures may be required to minimise noise impacts.</p> <p>General mitigation measures set out in the CEMP include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents will be notified of the start of works and the likely duration of the overall construction phase; • A telephone number for complaints will be published locally to the site. The Construction Contractor Project Manager will be responsible for dealing with any complaints and will have the appropriate authority to resolve any issues that may occur; • All complaints will be recorded and reviewed by the Construction Contractor Project Manager and SP Manweb ECoW on a weekly basis. As part of the incident management procedures, measures shall be put in place to ensure that any complaints do not re-occur. The SP Manweb ECoW and Construction Contractor Project Manager shall review the complaint received 	<p>CEMP (Section 2.7 and 3.9.3)</p> <p>Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)</p>

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		<p>and agree a course of action to minimise the current issue and to ensure that the issue does not occur again. Courses of action may include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ alternative methods of construction; ○ reduced working hours; and ○ additional notification and/or discussion with affected party. <p>At the 2 locations where the Proposed Development is in proximity to sensitive receptors and there is the potential for poor ground conditions the use of an excavator with a hydraulic jackhammer may be required. In this location the following specific mitigation measure is proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The use, where practicable, of a portable noise screen close to the hydraulic jackhammer at relevant points between the noise source and the distant receptor. 3.9.4 <p>Noise barriers shall be constructed of timber no less than 19mm thick with tight joints.</p>	
Response to FWQ 3.31		<p>Local residents will be notified of the start of works and the likely duration of the overall construction phase;</p> <p>A telephone number for complaints will be published locally to the site. The Construction Contractor Project Manager will be responsible for dealing with any complaints and will have the appropriate authority to resolve any issues that may occur;</p> <p>All complaints will be recorded and reviewed by the Construction Contractor Project Manager and SP Manweb ECoW on a weekly basis</p>	CEMP (Section 2.7.1) Development Consent Order (DCO), Requirements, Schedule 2, 13(1)