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Dear Mr White,

**SP Manweb's Proposed Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network: 132,000 Volt electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem**

**Notification under s46 of the Planning Act 2008**

In accordance with section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 detailed below is the required information as supplied to prescribed consultees complying with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 in relation to SP Manweb's Proposed Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network.

The proposed development of the new 132,000 Volt electrical circuit will provide capacity to support development on land allocated for new jobs and homes in Oswestry, Whitchurch and Wem, as identified in Shropshire Council's adopted Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan (December 2015). The electrical circuit is proposed to be constructed by means of an underground cable and overhead wood pole Trident line:

- the underground section will consist of the construction, operation and maintenance of approximately 1.2 kilometres (0.75 miles) of underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood;
- the overhead line section will consist of construction, operation and maintenance of approximately 21 kilometres (13 miles) of wood pole overhead line between Round Wood and Wem substation;
- work to facilitate the new electrical circuit will also be required at Oswestry substation and Wem substation, within the boundaries of the existing substations.
- to ensure safe electrical clearance for the new electrical circuit, some existing 11,000 Volt lines will be put underground as part of the proposed development; and
- the proposed application will include other required works, for example, temporary access roads, temporary works compounds, work sites, vegetation clearance or planting, works to the local highway and ancillary works.

The following documents are enclosed and are identical to those provided to consultees for the purpose of complying with section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 at the commencement of consultation on Thursday 23 November 2017:

- A copy of the Project Update Four newsletter, which outlines the proposed development, consultation activities and summarises the technical documents that have been made available for consultation and where these can be located; and

- A copy of the notice published in accordance with section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 and Regulation 11 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009.

We are also consulting on the potential environmental effects of the proposed development and if consultees have suggestions for reducing these effects. This information is in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

Also enclosed for information:

- A USB stick containing the PEIR and other consultation documents;
- Copy of letter to be sent to prescribed bodies under section 42 of the Planning Act 2008, other than persons under section 43 and 44;
- Copy of letter to be sent to local authorities under section 43 of the Planning Act 2008;
- Copy of letter to be sent to persons under section 44 of the Planning Act 2008; and
- Lists of section 42 prescribed persons.

We are also sending you hard copies of the consultation documents.

Please be advised, Appendix 8.9 and Figure 8.10 – relating to badger surveys – are confidential. These are included on the USB and in the hard copy documents we have sent to you but we would ask you do not publish these publicly.

The proposed development is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project which means that a Development Consent Order ("DCO") is required. SP Manweb is proposing to make an application for a DCO in respect of the proposed development under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008.

The DCO application will be processed and examined by the Planning Inspectorate who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. The final decision on the DCO application is made by the Secretary of State.

The DCO application will seek powers for SP Manweb to construct, operate and maintain the proposed development. The DCO application will also seek the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, including rights to use land, for the proposed development together with temporary possession of land.

SP Manweb plc is part of SP Energy Networks which owns the regulated electricity network businesses SP Manweb, SP Distribution and SP Transmission. SP Manweb is the licensed electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) which owns and manages the electricity distribution network within Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales. It is the named applicant for this proposed development.

Should you have any queries, or wish to discuss these documents or any matter to which they relate, please contact me directly on [steven.edwards@spenergynetworks.co.uk](mailto:steven.edwards@spenergynetworks.co.uk) or 0141 614 5656.

Yours sincerely,



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