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Project introduction

SP Energy Networks manages three regulated electricity network businesses in the UK. These are SP Manweb, SP Distribution and SP Transmission. SP Manweb is the licensed Distribution Network Operator (DNO) for Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales and its statutory role is to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity supply within this area. SP Manweb is the named applicant for this proposed development.

With future growth in North Shropshire, SP Manweb and Shropshire Council have agreed that there is a need to reinforce the network in order to maintain the required levels of supply in this area. Following a review of a number of network options which addressed how best to meet this need, SP Manweb considered the preferred option for the reinforcement was the installation of a 132kV circuit from Oswestry via a short 1.2km section of underground cable and then approximately 21.3km of overhead line on predominantly single wood pole supports to Wem substation. The proposals include associated construction accesses and laydown areas and diverting existing lower voltage overhead electricity lines.

A series of plans and reports have been produced to explain SP Manweb's proposals. The application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) has been submitted under the Planning Act 2008. The Planning Inspectorate are the organisation responsible for reviewing the application and, ultimately, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will decide whether to give consent.

Application documents

This document is a guide to navigating the documents that have been created for the DCO application. It sets out the structure of the application so you can find the information you are interested in.

The application documents have been broken down into seven volumes:

- **Volume One – Application Form**
- **Volume Two – Plans / Drawings**
- **Volume Three – Draft Development Consent Order**
- **Volume Four – Compulsory Purchase Information**
- **Volume Five – Reports / Statements**
- **Volume Six – Environmental Statement**
- **Volume Seven – Other documents**

Volume One – Application Form

This volume provides details of the application information required by the Planning Inspectorate when submitting an application.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **1.1** Covering letter
- **1.2** Application form
- **1.3** PINS Electronic Application Index
- **1.4** A Navigation Guide To The Application And Supporting Documents

Volume Two – Plans / Drawings

This volume contains the plans and drawings that show the work associated with the Proposed Development and the parcels of land over which various land rights are needed to build, operate and maintain the Proposed Development. This volume also includes plans showing other environmental considerations. The plans are split into geographical sections which will help you to identify the plan that you want to view.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **2.1** Location Plan
- **2.2** Land Plans
- **2.3** Works Plans
- **2.4** Access and Rights of Way Plans
- **2.5** Plan of Important Hedgerows
- **2.6** Plan of Nature Conservation Sites
- **2.7** Plan of Historic Sites

Volume Three – Draft Development Consent Order

The documents in this volume explain what SP Manweb is seeking consent for and the associated legal powers it requires.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **3.1** Draft Development Consent Order
- **3.2** Explanatory Memorandum

Volume Four – Compulsory Purchase Information

SP Manweb may need to use legal powers of compulsory acquisition to acquire rights over the land affected by the Proposed Development. The documents relate to the compulsory acquisition of these rights.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **4.1** Statement of Reasons
- **4.2** Funding Statement
- **4.3** Book of Reference

Volume Five – Reports / Statements

SP Manweb has produced a number of additional documents to support the application.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **5.1** Consultation Report
 - **5.1.1** Appendices to Chapter 1
 - **5.1.2** Appendices to Chapter 2
 - **5.1.3** Appendices to Chapter 3
 - **5.1.4** Appendices to Chapter 4
 - **5.1.5** Appendices to Chapter 5
 - **5.1.6** Appendices to Chapter 6
 - **5.1.7** Appendices to Chapter 9
 - **5.1.8** Appendices to Chapter 10
 - **5.1.9** Consultation Report Figures
- **5.2** Flood Risk Assessment
- **5.3** Statement of Statutory Nuisance
- **5.4** No Significant Effects Report
- **5.5** Other Consents and Licences Report

Volume Six – Environmental Statement

SP Manweb has carried out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to consider the likely effects of the Proposed Development on the environment. The Environmental Statement (ES) provides the results of the EIA.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **6.1** Chapter 1 – Introduction
 - **6.1.1** Transport and Highway Technical Note
- **6.2** Chapter 2 – Alternatives and Design Evolution
- **6.3** Chapter 3 – The Proposed Development
 - **6.3.1** Proposed Pole Schedule
 - **6.3.2** Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan
- **6.4** Chapter 4 – EIA Approach and General Methodology
 - **6.4.1** Emissions Technical Note
- **6.5** Chapter 5 – Planning Considerations
 - **6.5.1** Mineral Resource Assessment
- **6.6** Chapter 6 – Landscape and Visual
 - **6.6.1** Landscape and Visual Assessment Methodology
 - **6.6.2** Landscape Baseline, LCA Sheets and Assessment
 - **6.6.3** Visual Baseline, Viewpoint Sheets and Assessment
 - **6.6.4** CLIVA
 - **6.6.5** Residential Visual Amenity
 - **6.6.6** Photomontages
 - **6.6.7** Issues Raised and Responses to Scoping Opinion
- **6.7** Chapter 7 – Ecology
 - **6.7.1** Ecology Assessment Methodology
 - **6.7.2** Ecology Baseline
 - **6.7.3** Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey
 - **6.7.4** Arboricultural Survey
 - **6.7.5** Ornithology Surveys
 - **6.7.6** Amphibian Surveys
 - **6.7.7** Bat Surveys
 - **6.7.8** Otter and Water Vole Surveys
 - **6.7.9** ██████████ Surveys (Confidential)
 - **6.7.10** Issues Raised and Responses to Scoping Opinion
- **6.8** Chapter 8 – Historic Environment
 - **6.8.1** Historic Environment Methodology
 - **6.8.2** Historic Environment Baseline & Assessment
 - **6.8.3** Historic Environment Heritage Asset Tables
 - **6.8.4** Historic Environment Viewpoint Assessment
 - **6.8.5** Issues Raised and Responses to Scoping Opinion
- **6.9** Chapter 9 – Flood Risk, Water Quality and Resources
 - **6.9.1** Flood Risk, Water Quality and Resources Assessment Methodology
 - **6.9.2** Flood Risk, Water Quality and Resources Baseline and Assessment
 - **6.9.3** Issues Raised and Responses to Scoping Opinion

- **6.10** Chapter 10 – Socio-economic
 - **6.10.1** Socio-Economic Methodology
 - **6.10.2** Socio-Economic Baseline and Assessment
 - **6.10.3** Issues Raised and Responses to Scoping Opinion
- **6.11** Chapter 11 – Land Use and Agriculture
 - **6.11.1** Issues Raised and Responses to Scoping Opinion
- **6.12** Chapter 12 – Cumulative Effects
 - **6.12.1** Intra Project Cumulative Effects
- **6.13** Chapter 13 – Summary of Environmental Effects
- **6.14** Environmental Statement Figures
- **6.15** Environmental Statement Non-technical Summary
- **6.16** Glossary

Volume Seven – Other Documents

This volume includes additional documents that SP Manweb has produced for the application submission and documents from earlier stages of the project that are referenced elsewhere in our application.

The documents contained within this volume are:

- **7.1** Planning Statement
- **7.2** Construction Report
- **7.3 – 7.4** N/A¹
- **7.5** Strategic Options Report (May 2016)
- **7.6** Updated Strategic Options Report (November 2017)
- **7.7** Further Updated Strategic Options Report (November 2018)
- **7.8** Route Corridor Options Report (June 2016)
- **7.9** Line Route Report (June 2016)
- **7.10** Updated Line Route Report (November 2016)
- **7.11** Updated Line Route Report 2 (November 2017)

¹ Documents 7.3 and 7.4 not used

Viewing our application documents

You can view printed copies of the DCO application documents at:

Shropshire Council

The Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Monday	8am–6pm
Tuesday	8am–6pm
Wednesday	8am–6pm
Thursday	8am–6pm
Friday	8am–6pm
Saturday	9am–1pm
Sunday	Closed

You can also find all the documents online on the Planning Inspectorate website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/reinforcement-to-north-shropshire-electricity-distribution-network/>

Find out more

You can find out more about Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and the DCO process via the Planning Inspectorate:

- **Online:** <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>
- **By email:** Nlenquiries@pins.gsi.gov.uk
- **By phone:** 0303 444 5000

If you have any specific queries on the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Network, you can contact the community relations team:

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