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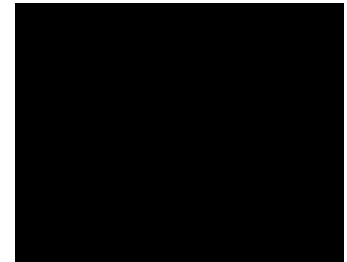
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20 November 2017

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:

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- 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 or 0141 614 5656.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Edwards MRTPI

Land & Planning, SP Energy Networks for and on behalf of SP Manweb plc



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Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN020021

Date: 29 November 2017

Dear Mr Edwards

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 46

Proposed application by SP Manweb for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Reinforcement to North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network

Acknowledgement of receipt of information concerning proposed application

Thank you for your letter of 20 November 2017 and the following documentation:

- Statement of Community Consultation
- Project Update Four newsletter
- Feedback form
- Guide to statutory consultation documents
- Updated Line Route Report 2
- Updated Strategic Options Report
- Works Plans
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Appendices and Figures
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report, Non-Technical Summary
- List of s42 prescribed persons
- S42 prescribed persons letter
- S43 local authority covering letter
- S44 PIL letter
- Section 48 notice

I acknowledge that you have notified the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application for an order granting development consent for the purposes of section 46 of the PA2008 and supplied the information for consultation under section 42. The following reference number has been given to the proposed application, which I would be grateful if you would use in subsequent communications:

EN020021

I will be your point of contact for this application – my contact details are at the end of this letter.

The role of the Planning Inspectorate in the application process is to provide independent and impartial advice about the procedures involved and to have open discussions with potential applicants, statutory bodies and others about the processes and requirements of the new regime. It is important that you keep us accurately informed of your timetable and any changes that occur.

We will publish advice we give to you or other interested parties on our website and, if relevant, direct parties to you as the applicant. We are happy to meet at key milestones and/or provide advice as the case progresses through the pre-application stage.

Once you have prepared draft documents we are able to provide technical advice, in particular on the draft development consent order, explanatory memorandum, the consultation report and any draft HRA. You may therefore wish to build this into your timetables.

In the meantime, you may wish to have regard to the guidance and legislation material provided on our website including the Infrastructure Planning (Fees) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and associated guidance, which you will need to observe closely in establishing the correct fee to be submitted at the successive stages of the application process.

When seeking to meet your pre-application obligations you should also be aware of your obligation under the Data Protection Act 1998 to process personal data fairly and lawfully.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Tracey Williams
Case Manager

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.

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5.2 Project Update 4

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Reinforcement to North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network: 132,000 Volt wood pole overhead line from Oswestry to Wem

Statutory consultation on our plans for supporting local growth in North Shropshire

- Consultation opens **23 November 2017** and closes **2 February 2018**
- Updated proposed development based on community feedback, landowner discussions and detailed survey work
- Your opportunity to provide us with your views

SP Manweb Plc has updated its plans for a new 132,000 Volt electrical circuit between Oswestry and Wem to reinforce the local network and support Shropshire Council's plans for growth and development in North Shropshire.

Thank you to everyone for the feedback you've given us since 2016. We've looked carefully at what people have said and carried out our own assessments to consider landscape, ecology, visual impact and cultural heritage.

We have had support and positive comments on our proposals. People have also told us ways in which they think we can make improvements to reduce effects on villages, properties, farming and the environment.

In our last update in May 2017, we showed our preferred line route with options near the Woodhouse Estate, Lower Hordley and Noneley. We've now updated this preferred line route, refining it further and showing where we propose placing wood poles and the underground cable needed for the new circuit.

We consider the proposed development best balances the findings of our assessment work and what communities and landowners have told us since we began our first consultation in 2016.



We've also identified the likely environmental effects of the proposed development, which you can read in our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report.

Why it's important to take part

We are now consulting on our current proposals. This is your opportunity to let us know if there are any ways we can improve the proposed development and reduce any remaining effects.

It is a statutory consultation as required by the Planning Act 2008. It is likely to be our last consultation on the whole of the proposed development before we submit our application for development consent to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate).

We will take your feedback into account when preparing our final plans for the proposed development.

Visit an event and meet our team

Date	Location	Time
Saturday 2 December	Wem Town Hall	11am – 4pm
Tuesday 5 December	Whittington Community Centre	4.30pm – 8pm
Wednesday 6 December	Hordley and Bagley Village Hall	2.30pm – 6.30pm
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Our events are a great opportunity to ask us any questions you might have and to find out more about the proposed development. We look forward to seeing you there.

IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- **Plan of the proposed development**
- **Detailed information about the proposed development and what we're consulting on**
- **Details of our previous work and where to find out more about it**
- **How to take part and provide feedback**

What is included in the proposed development?

Underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood

We are proposing to put the electrical circuit underground for 1.2 kilometres between Oswestry substation and Round Wood. The reason for this is because existing overhead lines at Oswestry substation, as well as the A5, mean we cannot route a new overhead line away from the substation.

The land near to Oswestry substation, east of the A5, has been designated for business growth and our approach will have as little impact on this as possible.

The cable would be buried one metre deep, with any land affected by this work reinstated following construction.

Let us know if you have any comments on our proposals for an underground cable.

Overhead wood pole Trident line between Round Wood and Wem substation

From Round Wood to Wem substation, we're proposing approximately 21 kilometres of wood pole Trident line. We would need to install around 176 wood pole structures, with an average height of 12 metres – that's about the same height as a mature tree.

We have identified preferred locations for the wood poles, within a 25 metre temporary construction works corridor.

For the purposes of this consultation, we've extended the 25 metre temporary construction works corridor to 40 metres. This additional area gives us the opportunity to make minor changes (following landowner discussions) should any new information become available through this consultation.

Our proposals are based on conversations with landowners and local people, which have helped refine our design.

The Trident design we've chosen also offers good flexibility when establishing a route for the line. We think the proposed pole locations are the most suitable to reduce effects on important sites, communities and properties, based on the information people have given us and our technical surveys.

Let us know if you have any comments on the location of the wood pole overhead line. Tell us if you think there are any effects, such as on ecology, cultural heritage or properties, that you think we should consider.

An artist's impression of how the new line could look in a similar landscape



Existing view



Proposed view (artist's impression)

Constructing the electrical circuit – temporary works and using the local road network

We've looked carefully at ways of reducing the number of vehicle movements and effects on the local road network during construction.

Construction of the electrical circuit would take about 12 months to complete. Typical construction equipment will include an excavator, three or four 4x4 vehicles and some specialist equipment for winching and working at height.

We'll be using our existing depot at Maesbury Road Industrial Estate in Oswestry as our main construction compound. In addition, to reduce vehicle movements further, we'll use a series of temporary sites, known as laydown areas, where poles and other equipment will be stored.

There will be relatively little traffic on the local road network over the course of construction and we don't anticipate much disruption during our project.

After leaving the local road network, we would also need temporary access tracks to get to our pole locations.

More information on how we will use the local road network and our temporary works can be found in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report – available at our events, on our website or at reference locations.

Let us know if you have any comments on our outline construction plan and temporary works



Other associated construction works

At some locations along the line route, the proposed wood pole Trident line would be too close to existing lower voltage lines.

We're therefore proposing to put short sections of existing lower voltage lines underground. The locations of these are included in our detailed maps – available at our events, on our website or at reference locations. Any land affected by this work would be reinstated following construction.

Along the route, we may also have to carry out some vegetation clearance, or similar enabling works, to allow us to construct the proposed development.

Let us know if you have any comments on our associated construction works.

The map in this newsletter shows the preferred line route for the electrical circuit, including the underground section and the location of wood poles.

You can find more detailed maps of the proposed development at our events, on our website or at reference locations.

Your comments on the proposed development

We welcome your comments on the proposed development in the following ways:

- Fill in a feedback form online at www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire
- Request a **feedback form** from our community relations team (0800 804 4666) and return it to us
- Write to us at our freepost address **FREEPOST SPEN NSR**
- Email us at enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk

Let us know your comments. The consultation is open until 2 February 2018.

Taking part in the consultation and why your comments are important

We'd like you to tell us what effects you think the proposed development could have on the local area, such as communities, farming, the landscape, wildlife, ecology and anything else you consider is important.

We are also consulting with landowners and specialist bodies, such as the Environment Agency, English Heritage and local interest groups.

We'd like you to provide as much detail as possible. This will be helpful when we use your feedback to review our proposed development and see if there are any improvements we can make.

You may find our feedback form helpful in providing your comments. You can fill this in on our website or request one from our community relations team (see back page for details). Alternatively, you can send your comments to enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk or FREEPOST SPEN NSR.

The consultation is open until 2 February 2018.

How the preferred line route has developed

The preferred line route has developed as the result of several stages of work over the last two years:

- **Where to reinforce the network** – during 2015, we considered a number of alternative overhead line routes from other substations at Legacy and Marchwiell near Wrexham, Crewe and Shrewsbury. The route from Oswestry to Wem was considered the most suitable.
- **Choosing route corridors** – we then considered the location of villages and towns, the landscape, cultural heritage and other environmental sensitivities to develop broad route corridors which we could route the line within. We then identified two route corridors from Oswestry to Wem, each up to 1km wide, and assessed them to see which had the least impact overall.
- **Identifying line routes** – following this work, we identified a preferred route corridor. We carried out further work within the preferred corridor to consider alternative line route options. These 100 metre wide alternative line routes enabled flexibility for a more refined design.

- **Choosing a preferred line route** – we then identified our preferred line route, which included options in some places. We published this in Summer 2016 and held a first stage of consultation with local people and stakeholders. Since then, we've continued our conversations with local people and carried out further assessments. All of this work led us to refine the preferred line route (shown below), including looking closely at options near Woodhouse, Lower Hordley and Noneley.

Our **Updated Line Route Report** provides a detailed explanation of how we have developed the proposed development.

More information on all of our previous work can be found in our **past technical documents**. These are available, along with the documents we've published at this stage, on our website www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire or at our events (see front page).

Let us know if you have any comments on our previous work and how the preferred line route has developed.

We are sending a copy of this newsletter to residents, local parish councils, businesses, landowners and tenants. A large text version is also available.

If you would like further copies or know anyone who would be interested in taking part in this consultation and would like further copies, such as businesses or visitors to the area, please contact us.

Do you have an interest in land near the proposed overhead line?

We really appreciate the positive approach from those who own, occupy or have another interest in land affected by the proposed development, and their willingness to work with us to reach agreements.

We will continue to negotiate agreements, which is our preferred approach and for which the majority of landowners have indicated a preference. Where no agreement is reached, we may consider it necessary to seek to use the statutory powers granted to us under the relevant legislation.

What happens next?

Following this consultation, we will review the proposed development in light of the feedback we receive to see if there are opportunities to further reduce the effects of our work. When we're satisfied the proposals are ready we will prepare our application for development consent.

The Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project so the application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

There is more information about the planning process on the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

- Wood Pole Trident Positions
- Preferred Line Route
- Underground section of 132,000 Volt cable
- 40m Consultation Boundary
- Oswestry Substation
- Wem Substation



Find out more about the proposed development

We have published the following documents that provide more detail on the proposed development. They are available on our website and at the following reference locations. Digital copies of the documents are available on request by contacting our team using the details at the bottom of this page.

- **Updated Line Route Report 2** – explains how the preferred line route has developed since 2015. A range of assessments were used to refine the technical line design and the temporary construction works.
- **Updated Strategic Options Report** – an updated review of the need for the new 132,000 Volt electrical circuit and preferred technical design. The report includes a summary of the need case as well as consideration of other technologies.
- **Preliminary Environmental Information Report** – sets out the results of initial environmental surveys and our approach to assessing potential environmental effects of the proposed development.
- **Maps** – 1:2,500 plans showing the proposed development.
- **Statement of Community Consultation** – sets out how we're undertaking this statutory consultation.

Reference locations in your local area

Venue	Address
Wem Library	3 High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AA
Oswestry Library	9 Arthur Street, Oswestry SY11 1JN
Ellesmere Library	Trimpley Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AE
Whitchurch Library	High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX
Shropshire Council Planning Department	Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND
Oswestry Town Council	The Guildhall, Oswestry SY11 1PZ

Let us know if you have any comments on our consultation or the information we have made available for this consultation.

Who is SP Manweb?

SP Manweb plc is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) which owns and manages the electricity distribution network within Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales.

SP Manweb is part of SP Energy Networks which owns three regulated electricity network businesses in the UK.



Project timeline



For more about the planning process visit the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

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5.3 Statutory Consultation Poster

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Have your say on plans for a new electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem

Consultation open: 23 November 2017 to 2 February 2018

This is likely to be our last consultation so it's really important you take part



Public events – come along to find out more and ask any questions

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Saturday 2 December	Wem Town Hall 28-32 High Street, Wem SY4 5DG	11.00am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 5 December	Whittington Community Centre Station Road, Whittington SY11 4DA	4.30pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 6 December	Hordley and Bagley Village Hall Lower Hordley, Ellesmere SY12 9BQ	2.30pm – 6.30pm
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Ellesmere Library

Trimpley Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AE

Whitchurch Library

High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX

Shropshire Council Planning Department

Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

Oswestry Town Council

The Guildhall, Oswestry SY11 1PZ

Give us your feedback:

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Any questions?

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5.4 Letters sent to groups under s42

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22 November 2017

Dear **XXXXX**,

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**Statutory Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
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I am writing to inform you of the start of the statutory consultation under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") for the proposed SP Manweb Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network. Your organisation has been identified as a consultee for the proposed application for consent for this development.

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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).

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest newsletter. Further documents supporting this consultation, including the PEIR, are available on the proposed development website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire). Digital copies on a USB stick are also available on request.

Printed reference copies are available at libraries near to the proposed development area and we are also holding a series of public consultation events in the area. Details of the reference locations and event details can be found in the enclosed newsletter and on the website.

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Please respond to the consultation in writing using a feedback form, by email or write to our freepost address (above) by **2 February 2018**. A feedback form is available on the proposed development's website or on request from us (contact details above).

If there are changes you think SP Manweb should make to the proposed development, please tell us and please tell us why.

SP Manweb will have regard to consultation feedback and will review the proposed development and consider if changes are needed to further reduce effects.

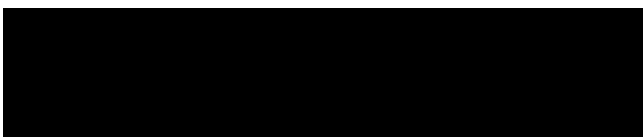
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SP Manweb's proposed development is an "EIA development" for the purposes of the EIA Regulations. Regulation 11 requires SP Manweb to send your organisation a copy of the notice which is being published in accordance with Section 48 of the Act, and this is enclosed.

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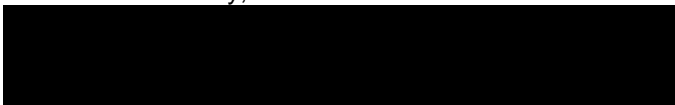
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22 November 2017

Dear

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

Statutory Consultation under Section 42, 44 and 47 of the Planning Act 2008

I am writing to inform you of the start of the statutory consultation under the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") for the proposed SP Manweb Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network.

We are contacting you, in accordance with Section 42, 44 and 47 of the Act, because we believe that you have an interest in land that may be affected by these proposals.

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:

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- 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 overhead 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.

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).

Please find enclosed a copy of the latest newsletter. Further documents supporting this consultation, including the PEIR, are available on the proposed development website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire). Digital copies on a USB stick are also available on request. Printed reference copies are available at libraries near to the proposed development area – a list of these venues is available in the enclosed newsletter and our website.

We are also holding a series of public consultation events in the area where you can meet representatives from SP Manweb to ask any questions you may have. Details of the location and times of these events are available in the enclosed newsletter and on our website.

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