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**REINFORCEMENT TO THE NORTH SHROPSHIRE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK:
132,000 volt electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem**

Statement of Community Consultation

November 2017

CONFIDENTIAL – Draft for informal consultation with Shropshire Council

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1. Introduction

Overview of the Statement of Community Consultation

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) sets out SP Manweb's approach to the statutory stage of consultation on the proposed development of a new 132 kilovolt (kV) electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem. It has been prepared in accordance with s47 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). Section 47 (1) of the 2008 Act requires applicants to 'prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land'. This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with this requirement. It has been publicised through a public notice, as required by s48 of the 2008 Act and a copy of this notice is available in **Appendix 1**.

This SoCC explains the community consultation being undertaken and covers:

- The proposed development
- The consenting process
- Where and when the consultation is taking place and who is being consulted
- How the consultation will be undertaken, including the materials that will be published and other engagement activities
- Where people can view these materials and find out more
- The importance of feedback from local people and how they can provide their comments

The consultation is running from 23 November 2017 to 2 February 2018.

The consultation is an important opportunity for local communities (including residents, businesses, organisations and visitors) to get involved and influence the proposals.

This SoCC has been developed in consultation with Shropshire Council. It is designed to help members of the public understand how they can take part in the consultation and what they can influence. This consultation follows non-statutory consultation that commenced in June 2016 and continued to run to the end of July 2017. It is anticipated to be the last consultation on the proposed development before an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) is made to the Planning Inspectorate. It is important to take part if you want to influence the proposed development.

Who is SP Manweb plc?

SP Manweb plc ("SPM") is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) which owns and manages the electricity distribution network within Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales. The network is used to distribute electricity, which has been transmitted to grid supply points, for electricity supply companies to sell onto their customers.

SPM's role is to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity supply in the area for which it is responsible. As such, it is the named applicant for this proposed development.

SPM is part of SP Energy Networks which owns three regulated electricity network businesses in the UK. These are SP Manweb, SP Distribution and SP Transmission which transmit electricity in Central and Southern Scotland. SP Energy Networks supplies electricity to:

- **1.5 million** customers in Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales and North Shropshire*
- **2 million** customers in Central and Southern Scotland



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2. The proposed development

Why the project is needed

The current local electricity distribution 33kV and 11kV network has been supplying North Shropshire reliably for many years. But with future growth in the region planned up to 2030 and beyond, SPM 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.

To reinforce the network, SPM is investing £18m to install a new permanent 132kV electrical circuit from Oswestry substation, located at the A5/A495 roundabout, to Wem substation, located on Ellesmere Road on the western side of Wem.

The new 132kV 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 *Draft Economic Growth Strategy 2017 – 2021*¹ and its *Local Plan*². The proposed development is therefore vital for unlocking this growth in North Shropshire and Shropshire Council has recognised the need for increased capacity in its draft *Economic Growth Strategy 2017-2021* which says:

We have engaged with Scottish Power Energy Networks to secure significant investment proposals in the north of the County to improve electricity infrastructure by 2021.

What SPM is proposing to build

It is proposed that the new 132kV electrical circuit will comprise of an approximately 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood and an approximately 20.5 kilometre wood pole overhead Trident line between Round Wood and Wem substation, consisting of XX wood poles of an average height of approximately 12 metres. The installation of this new circuit will require, subject to consent being granted, temporary construction works over an approximately 18 month period between 2020 to 2021.

The installation of an overhead line with a voltage of 132kV or above, longer than two kilometres, is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the 2008 Act. This means that a DCO is required to construct and operate the project

Benefits and impacts

The proposed development will support growth – particularly at Oswestry, Whitchurch and Wem – which will bring new housing developments, new business and new jobs to the local area. All of this growth will need electricity and the existing network is, however, not capable of supporting the expansion set out in Shropshire Council's planning documents.

The benefits of the new 132kV electrical circuit cannot be achieved without some impacts related to the construction and operation of the new reinforcement. These impacts potentially include effects on local ecology and wildlife; landscape and visual amenity; archaeology and cultural heritage; and transportation and socio-economic factors. Many of these can be avoided or reduced through careful design, and part of the reason we are consulting you is to get your thoughts on how this can best be achieved.

¹ <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/business-support/economic-growth-strategy-2017-2021/>

² <http://shropshire.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan/>

3. The consenting process

DCO applications are submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate and a decision is made by the relevant Secretary of State. For this project that will be the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Below is a summary of how the DCO application process works:

- 1- Consultation – SPM notifies and consults the public, statutory consultees and those with an interest in the affected land (in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act) on its proposed application, following earlier non-statutory consultation
- 2- Submission – SPM will review the feedback received during the consultation and finalise the proposals, taking this feedback into account. A DCO application will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, who will appoint the Examining Authority for the application
- 3- Acceptance – After the application is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether it is suitable for examination
- 4- Pre-examination – If accepted for examination, there will be an opportunity for people to register their interest in the application with the Planning Inspectorate. Anyone registering an interest will be kept informed of the progress of the application, including when and how they can provide comments. A preliminary meeting will set the timetable for examination
- 5- Examination – The Examination lasts six months. People who have registered their interest will be able to send their comments to the Planning Inspectorate and ask to speak at public hearings
- 6- Decision – Following the Examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Ultimately, the decision as to whether to grant a DCO or not lies with the Secretary of State.

NSIPs are determined with regard to National Policy Statements (NPSs) and the relevant NPSs for this project are the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). The NPSs set out national policy against which proposals for major energy projects will be assessed by the Planning Inspectorate and decided by the Secretary of State.

More information on the planning process for NSIPs can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Before submitting an application, the 2008 Act requires developers, such as SPM, to carry out consultation with local communities and statutory consultees. The early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees allows an applicant to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees so that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into the project before an application is submitted.

As part of this process, the Planning Inspectorate will follow a number of steps to receive and review the application, and seek further comment from interested bodies and individuals.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Development

The development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, as amended. An Environmental Impact Assessment is being undertaken to ensure the likely effects of the proposed

development are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation can be put in place. The proposed application will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the results of the EIA.

Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI), which sets out survey methodologies and results, and the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed development, has been produced and copies of the PEI will be made available on SPM's website (https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/reinforcement_to_north_shropshire_electricity_distribution_network.aspx) and reference copies provided at the various locations as detailed below as part of this consultation.

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4. Consultation to date

SPM is committed to early engagement with communities and has already provided local people with an opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

Stage One Consultation

The Stage One Consultation commenced in June 2016 and enabled people living in the area to comment and influence SPM's proposals while they were still at an early stage. It followed two years of previous assessment work that had established where to reinforce the network, identified a number of route corridors and then possible line route options. This led to a preferred line route being put forward at the Stage One Consultation.

Stage One Consultation and the work that had informed it was outlined in the following reports published at the start of the consultation:

- **Strategic Options Report (dated May 2016)** – this report detailed the options considered for reinforcing the network in North Shropshire and the reasons for the preferred design
- **Route Corridor Report (dated June 2016)** – this report set out work carried out in 2015 and early 2016 to consider alternative route corridors for the required upgrade of the electricity supply in North Shropshire
- **Line Route Report (dated June 2016)** – this report set out work that was carried out to identify and assess alternative line route options for the proposed 132kV electrical circuit.

At the start of the Stage One Consultation, **Project Update One (dated June 2016)**, (a community newsletter that introduced the project, outlined background work and provided details about the Stage One Consultation) was sent to around 3,000 homes, businesses and other stakeholders.

SPM consulted on the preferred line route; likely environmental impacts of the preferred line route and its associated construction works; other line route options that had been considered; and the approach to consultation. The Stage One Consultation asked people to provide comments on the effects the proposals might have on the local area, such as farming, communities, the landscape, wildlife and ecology, and tourism.

Over the 10 week consultation 68 individual responses (40 emails, 21 hardcopy feedback forms, three online feedback forms and four letters), making over 120 comments, were received. 79 people also attended 4 public events in Cockshutt, Wem, Hordley and Whittington, and provided a variety of comments.

Following a review of all of the feedback received, SPM carried out further assessments of suggested changes to the line route and this work resulted in an amended line route. This work was explained in:

- **Stage One Consultation Feedback Report, November 2016** – this report outlined the scope of the informal Stage One Consultation and the review of feedback received
- **Updated Line Route Report, November 2016** – this report identified a 100 metre wide line route based on further assessment work
- **Project Update Two (November 2016)** – this community newsletter summarised the Stage One Consultation, explained the feedback received and how this was considered when developing the revised 'preferred line route'.

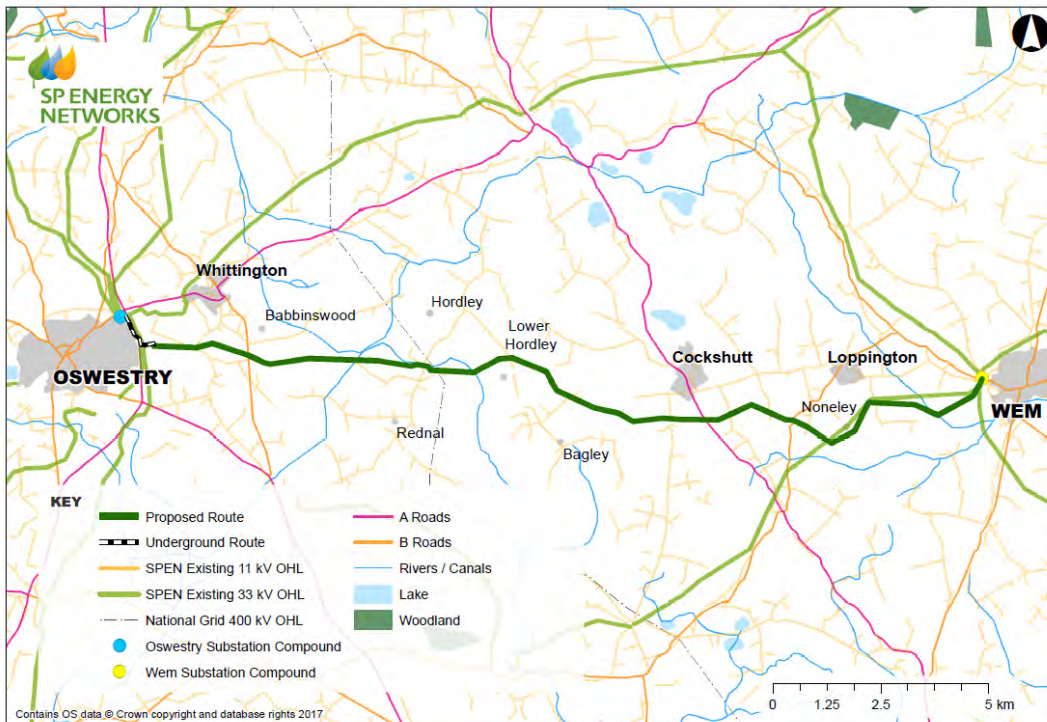
Following the publication of the above documents in November 2016, SPM has continued discussions with local people and land owners and undertaken more specialist landscape and visual, ecological and historic assessments of the alternative line design options suggested. In particular, this has included looking closely at the preferred route near Noneley, Lower Hordley and the Woodhouse Estate.

SPM continued to engage through meetings with local people and landowners on the alternative options near Noneley, Lower Hordley and the Woodhouse Estate. SPM then considered it appropriate

to present these options in **Project Update Three** in May 2017 and to seek feedback on these options. SPM allowed feedback to be submitted up to the end of July by which time it had received around 36 responses, the bulk of which related to the Noneley option. SPM then considered the feedback alongside its further technical environmental and design assessment.

The preferred line route as now published with an indicative preferred line alignment for the 132kV cable and overhead wood pole line, including construction working areas and accesses and undergrounding of existing lower voltage overhead lines, takes account of this latest feedback from local people and landowners and the further assessment work carried out by SPM.

Existing Network and Preferred Line Route for the new 132kV Circuit



5. Our Statutory Consultation

Overview

The Statutory Consultation is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act. This is anticipated to be the final development-wide consultation before SPM makes an application for a DCO.

This consultation is to help people living in the vicinity of the proposed development to understand it and any effects it may have. This gives local people an opportunity to provide further feedback on the proposed development and to influence it.

What SPM is consulting on

The aim of the statutory consultation is to present and seek feedback on the proposed development. Whilst SPM will consider all comments submitted as part of the consultation, SPM is specifically seeking comments on the following:

- The preferred route for the new 132kV electrical circuit between Oswestry and Wem, comprising of an approximately 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood and an approximately 20.5 kilometre overhead wood pole Trident line, between Round Wood and Wem substation, consisting of XX wood poles with an average height of approximately 12 metres
- The location of the temporary construction works areas, such as areas where conductor winching equipment will need to be placed, and construction accesses and lay down areas along the preferred line route
- The installation of lower voltage underground cables to replace existing lower voltage overhead lines where the proposed development would otherwise cross these at below the required safety clearances.

Feedback will also be sought on:

- the likely environmental impacts of the proposed development as set out in the PEI;
- the project's associated construction works;
- SPM's approach to consultation; and
- any other aspects of the project that consultees suggest SP Energy Networks should consider.

When SPM is consulting

SPM is consulting on the proposed development for 10 weeks, between **23 November 2017** and **2 February 2018**.

All feedback must be received by SPM by midnight on 2 February 2018.

Where SPM is consulting

SPM considers that an area of approximately one kilometre from the northerly and southerly edges of the route corridors published in the **Route Corridor Report June 2016** is an appropriate consultation boundary to the north and south of the proposed development for the Statutory Consultation.

At the easterly (Wem) and westerly (Oswestry) edges of the consultation boundary, SPM has included existing properties on the edge of the two towns that have potential views onto the proposed development who may be affected and it gives them an opportunity to comment. A map of this consultation zone is available in **Appendix 2**.

Community consultation activities are focused on this consultation zone and SPM is engaging with those living and working in the consultation zone. A newsletter will be mailed to all residential and

business addresses within the consultation zone and consultation events will take place in the main communities in this zone.

SPM recognises that there may be interest in the proposed development beyond the consultation zone. The proposed development will therefore be promoted beyond the consultation zone through press releases to local newspapers with a wider circulation than the consultation zone and through engagement with parish councils and the Shropshire Council, whose administrative boundaries extend beyond the consultation zone.

SPM will also engage with local parish councils, whose boundaries extend outside the consultation zone in many cases. All information will also be available on the proposed development's website (https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/reinforcement_to_north_shropshire_electricity_distribution_network.aspx).

SPM is proposing to use an area within its existing SPM Oswestry depot on the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate for storing construction materials and plant. Due to its existing use and location on the industrial estate with good road access, SPM does not consider the use and associated construction traffic to and from this site to the construction accesses will have any adverse impacts on the amenity and traffic movements in the area. Similarly, the traffic to and from the depot from elsewhere, given the nature of the construction traffic and the existing main road network into the industrial estate, will also not result in any adverse impacts. As such the site is not included in the proposed development requiring DCO consent, and does not therefore form part of this consultation.

Who SPM is consulting

Consulting with people living near to the proposals, who may be affected by the development, is an important part of the DCO planning process. Section 47 of the Act describes these as people “*living in the vicinity of the land to which the proposed application relates*”.

The consultation zone takes into account this requirement and SPM will consult with the following people and groups:

- Local communities – people with homes and businesses in the consultation zone and those outside who have previously commented on the proposals;
- Elected representatives – parish and town councils; county councillors; Members of Parliament; and Members of the European Parliament;
- Hard to reach groups – individuals and groups that may have difficulties taking part in the consultation process for a range of reasons; and
- Identified special interest groups – such as local wildlife, heritage and leisure groups

How SPM will consult

SPM will consult using a variety of methods to help explain its proposals and encourage people to provide their comments.

Community materials

These materials will help people to understand SPM's proposed development and provide their comments to the consultation. They will be easy to follow and, where appropriate, make strong use of images and graphics.

- Background reports – including the following:
 - Updated Strategic Options review of the need and preferred technical design of the 132kV circuit;
 - Updated Line Route Report explaining the reasons for the updated Preferred Line Route report;

- Preliminary Environmental Information Report setting out the results of environmental surveys, the approaches taken to assess potential environmental effects and the potential significant environmental effects so far identified, and measures envisaged to off-set significant effects; and
 - Set of 1:10,000 OS plans showing the preferred 132kV cable and 132kV overhead line routes together with construction accesses and construction areas within a proposed development corridor limit.
- **Project Update Four** – this newsletter will provide a summary of the latest proposals, details of the consultation and will include an A2 fold-out map of the proposed development. It will make clear how people can take part in the consultation and what the deadline for feedback is. The newsletter will be sent to homes and businesses in the consultation zone and will be made available on the project website, in local libraries and at consultation events.
 - **Feedback form** – this questionnaire will provide an easy way for people to record and submit their feedback. The feedback form will be designed to encourage people to provide feedback in relation to the aspects of the proposals SPM is consulting on but also to provide wider feedback in relation to the entirety of the project.
 - **Photomontages** – these visualisations will show what the proposed line route might look like in the landscape and will be taken from viewpoints along the route. They will be available on the website and at consultation events.
 - **Website** – the website (https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/reinforcement_to_north_shropshire_electricity_distribution_network.aspx) will be updated to explain the latest proposals and provide the latest documents for people to download. It will also include maps of the proposals and details of where people can view hard copy materials.

Community events

To give local people the opportunity to meet the SPM team, better understand the proposals and ask any question they may have, consultation events will be held in the local area. These events will be organised in the villages and towns closest to the proposals.

People will be able to take copies of Project Update Four and feedback forms away with them. There will also be an opportunity for people to submit their feedback form at the event.

The events will be located at accessible public locations throughout the consultation zone. SPM is holding a number of events, including one on a Saturday, to give people as much chance as possible to attend.

The exhibitions will be held at the following locations and times:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday 05 December	Whittington Community Centre	4.30pm-8pm
Wednesday 06 December	Hordley and Bagley Village Hall	2.30pm-6.30pm
Saturday 09 December	Wem Town Hall	11am-4pm
Tuesday 12 December	Cockshutt Memorial Hall	2.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 13 December	Eastern Oswestry Community Centre	4pm-8pm

Reference locations

SPM community materials, maps, technical reports and plans will be available to view at the following locations throughout the consultation period:

Venue	Address	Opening hours
Wem Library	High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AA	Tues: 10am-5pm Thurs: 10am-5pm Fri: 2pm-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Sun
Oswestry Library	Arthur Street, Oswestry SY11 1JN	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-5pm Weds: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-4pm Closed: Sun
Ellesmere Library	Fullwood House, Victoria Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AA	Tues: 10am-6pm Friday: 10am-5pm Saturday: 9.30am-1pm; 2pm-4pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Thurs, Sun
Wem Town Council offices	Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem SY4 5DB	TBC
Whitchurch Library	High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Weds, Sun

Enquiries and information

SPM will operate a freephone enquiry line during the consultation (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) with an answer phone service outside of these hours and during holiday periods. A dedicated email address and freepost is also available (see back cover for details).

Publicising the consultation

- **Posters** – posters advertising the consultation and events in the area will be sent to parish and town councils for display on local notice boards. They will also be sent to local libraries and tourism locations in the area.
- **Press releases** – news releases will be issued to the local media during the consultation. A press release will be issued at the start of consultation and another two weeks before the close of consultation, encouraging people to take part. The press releases will be issued to publications including *Shropshire Star*, *Oswestry and Border Counties Advertiser* and the *Whitchurch Herald*.
- **Social media** – details of the consultation, where to find further information, event dates and details will be tweeted from SP Energy Networks' Twitter account @SPEnergyNetwork.
- **Public notices** – SPM will also take out public notices in local and national newspapers, as required by the 2008 Act.

Hard to reach groups

SPM has developed the consultation to be accessible and this has played an important role in planning consultation activities. Community events are being held in accessible public locations and over a number of days to encourage attendance.

It is important that people are able to take part in the consultation, even if they cannot make a consultation event. Therefore, all community materials and technical reports will be available on the website. People will be able to ask questions and find out more by calling the enquiry line or using the freepost or email addresses.

SPM recognises that some individuals or groups may have difficulties taking part in the consultation process for a range of reasons and has identified a number of hard to reach groups in the area (**Appendix 3**). The hard to reach organisations will be written to at the start of the consultation. Requests for specific consultation activities will be planned and agreed with the requesting organisation so that it best meets the needs of its members.

All community materials can be made available in large print upon request.

Requests for documents

SPM will respond to reasonable requests for further copies of documents. Copies of all documents, plans and maps will be available on request, free of charge, on a USB memory stick. Requests for hard copies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient in advance.

Technical reports

A number of technical reports will be produced to support the proposed line route and other aspects of the proposed development. These are detailed planning documents written by specialists to explain the decisions made and how technical assessments have informed these decisions.

- These documents will be available on the website (https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/reinforcement_to_north_shropshire_electricity_distribution_network.aspx) and at reference locations. The technical reports available will include:
 - Updated Strategic Options review of the need and preferred technical design of the 132kV circuit;
 - Updated Line Route Report explaining the reasons for the updated Preferred Line Route report;
 - Preliminary Environmental Information Report setting out the results of environmental surveys, the approaches taken to assess potential environmental effects and the potential significant environmental effects so far identified, and measures envisaged to off-set significant effects; and
 - Set of 1:10,000 OS plans showing the preferred 132kV cable and 132kV overhead line routes together with construction accesses and construction areas within a proposed development corridor limit.

Other developers' consultations

SPM is not currently aware of any other consultations taking place in the area. However, if it is made aware of other activities, SPM will ensure due regard is given to these.

6. Submitting feedback and what happens next

How to submit feedback

The consultation is an important opportunity for local communities to get involved and influence the proposals and help SPM understand the effects of the proposals in order to establish opportunities to mitigate these.

SPM is consulting between **23 November 2017** and **2 February 2018**.

There are several ways to submit feedback:

- **Feedback form** – available on the proposed development’s website, at community events or by request from the community relations team
- **By email** – to enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk
- **In writing** – to FREEPOST SPEN NSR (please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address)

Everyone submitting their comments to us (and providing their contact details) will receive an acknowledgement that their feedback has been received.

What happens next

At the close of consultation, we will review and finalise our proposals for the proposed development, having regard to the feedback received.

If, as a result of the feedback, the proposed development changes to the extent that it is necessary to undertake further consultation, this further consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the principles set out in this SoCC and targeted geographically as is appropriate to the change.

A Consultation Report will be produced that sets out how feedback from both statutory and non-statutory consultation has shaped the design of the proposed development. This Consultation Report will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application. Any comments received from consultees may therefore be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate either in part or in their entirety with the application.

Once the DCO application has been submitted to, and if accepted by, the Planning Inspectorate, SPM will advertise that the application has been submitted and accepted and explain the next steps in the process. Our wider project timeline is shown below.

Project timeline



7. Consultation in addition to the Community Consultation

In addition to the statutory requirements that have informed the preparation and publication of this SoCC, the 2008 Act requires that a number of additional groups are consulted, in addition to the community consultation. These are defined as follows and include, for example, relevant local authorities, people with an interest in the land, technical stakeholders (such as Natural England), transport authorities and emergency services.

Additional consultees

s42 (1) (a): **prescribed consultees**

- Prescribed bodies as listed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended)
- Amongst others, the prescribed bodies to be consulted include all parish councils in whose area the proposals are sited, and adjoining councils

s42 (1) (b) and 43: **Local authorities as described in the Act**

- Local authorities, as defined under section 43, including those in whose area the proposals are sited, and adjoining local authorities

A full list of these consultees, and other interest groups SPM has identified and will consult with is available in **Appendix 3**.

s42 (1) (d) and 44: **those with an interest in the land to which the proposed application relates** (such as ownership, tenancy and/or other interests)

- All persons identified as having an interest in the land to which the proposals relate, within one or more of the categories set out in section 44

At the same time as our community consultation, we will consult these consultees directly and will be inviting them to comment on our proposals during the consultation. We'll then consider their feedback alongside the feedback we receive from the public.

SPM has been, and will continue to, contact landowners and occupiers to discuss pole positions and seek to agree rights to construct, operate and maintain the new equipment, voluntarily. Where SPM is unable to reach agreement, it will seek use of compulsory acquisition powers within the submitted DCO

Appendix 1 – SoCC notice (s47)

Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network Development Consent Order

Notice of publication of Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Have your say on SP Manweb's proposals to install a new 132,000 volt electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem

SP Manweb plc (SP Manweb), is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) and manages the operation and maintenance of the electricity distribution network for Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire, and North Wales, and is the named applicant for this proposed development. SP Manweb is part of SP Energy Networks which also provides power to Central and Southern Scotland.

The SoCC will explain the consultation SP Manweb intends to undertake and how people can comment on the proposed development. It will provide details of where documents can be viewed, where public events will be held and how to respond to the consultation.

This consultation will run from 23 November 2017 to 2 February 2018. Responses must be received by midnight on the closing date.

A programme of public information events will take place in the area for people to talk to SP Manweb's team and view consultation materials. These are being held from Tuesday 5 December to Wednesday 13 December 2017.

SP Manweb's community materials, maps, technical reports and plans will be available in reference locations in the local area.

Details of the public events and reference locations will be in the SoCC and on our website: https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/reinforcement_to_north_shropshire_electricity_distribution_network.aspx

Have your say

There are several ways to submit feedback:

- **Feedback form** – available on the Project website, at community events or by request from the community relations team
- **By email** – to enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk
- **In writing** – to FREEPOST SPEN NSR (please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address)

The Proposed Development

The new 132kV electrical circuit will comprise of an approximately 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood and an approximately 20.5 kilometre wood pole line, between Round Wood and Wem substation, consisting of XX approximately 12 metre wood poles.

SP Manweb will be making an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008.

Public consultation

The Planning Act 2008 requires that consultation is carried out so that communities and stakeholders potentially affected by the proposals can help to inform the way the proposals develop. SP Manweb will be consulting on the proposed new 132kV circuit along with temporary construction works such as construction compounds, accesses and lay down areas along the proposed route.

SP Manweb will also publish a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This report will explain the likely effects the proposed development could have on the environment, based on assessments to date, and the measures SP Manweb proposes to reduce them, where possible. Following the consultation, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be undertaken which will establish the likely significant effects of the proposed development and the measures to mitigate them. The findings of the EIA will be set out in an Environmental Statement (ES) which will accompany the consent application(s).

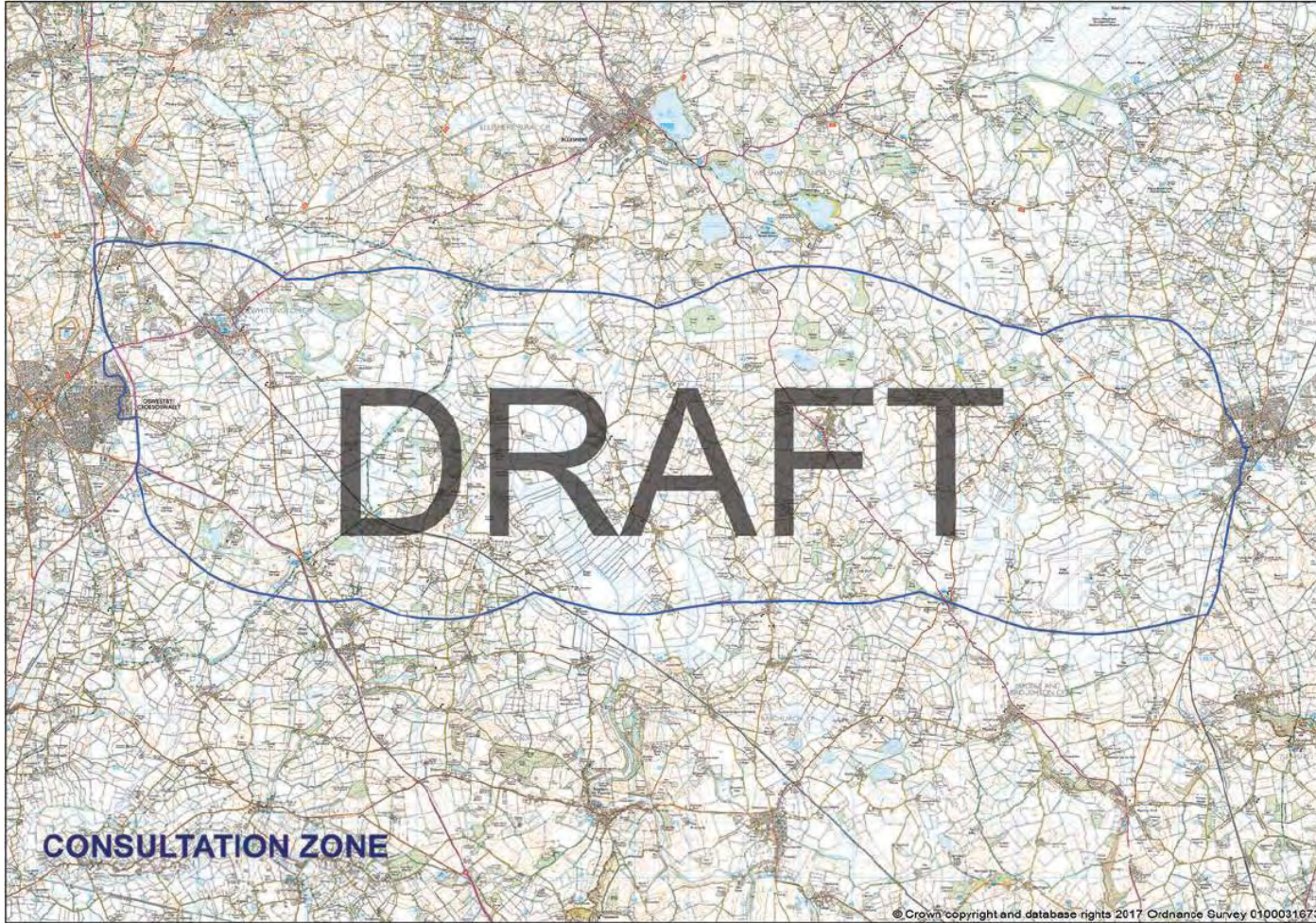
Copies of the documents, plans, maps and preliminary environmental information will be available free of charge from SP Manweb on a USB stick. Requests for hard copies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid for by the recipient. Please contact our community relations team (0800 804 4666).

The SoCC will be available on our website

(https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/pages/reinforcement_to_north_shropshire_electricity_distribution_network.aspx), and at the locations in the vicinity of the project, below, for the duration of our consultation.

Venue	Address	Opening hours
Wem Library	High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AA	Tues: 10am-5pm Thurs: 10am-5pm Fri: 2pm-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Sun
Oswestry Library	Arthur Street, Oswestry SY11 1JN	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-5pm Weds: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-4pm Closed: Sun
Ellesmere Library	Fullwood House, Victoria Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AA	Tues: 10am-6pm Friday: 10am-5pm Saturday: 9.30am-1pm; 2pm-4pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Thurs, Sun
Wem Town Council offices	Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem SY4 5DB	TBC
Whitchurch Library	High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Weds, Sun

Appendix 2 – Consultation zone



Appendix 3 – Additional consultees

Prescribed consultees

Shropshire Council
Powys County Council
Herefordshire Council
Wrexham County Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cheshire East Council
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
Staffordshire County Council
Telford and Wrekin Council
South Staffordshire Council
Wyre Forest District Council
Malvern Hills District Council
Worcestershire Council
Stafford Borough Council
Baschurch Parish Council
Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council
Ellesmere Rural Parish Council
Hordley Parish Council
Loppington Parish Council
Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council
Oswestry Rural Parish Council
Oswestry Town Council
Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council
Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council
Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council

Wem Rural Parish Council
Wem Town Council
West Felton Parish Council
Whitchurch Town Council
Whitchurch Rural Parish Council
Whittington Parish Council
Natural England
The Environment Agency (Midlands Region)
The Forestry Commission
Historic England (Birmingham office)
Design Council CABE
Highways England
Shropshire Council Highways
The Civil Aviation Authority
Network Rail
West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive
Transport Focus
The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
The Office of Rail Regulation
Network West Midlands (Integrated Transport Authority)
Canal and River Trust
Health & Safety Executive
West Midlands Strategic Health Authority
Shropshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia
Equality and Human Rights Commission
The Homes and Communities Agency (HQ)
The Homes and Communities Agency (Midlands)

Crown Estates Commissioners
The Coal Authority
Ofgem
Marches Local Enterprise Partnership
Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA)
Ofwat
Severn Trent Water
Melverley Internal Drainage Board
SP Manweb
SP Distribution Limited
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
National Grid Plc
National Grid Gas Plc
ESP Electricity Limited
Independent Power Networks Limited
The Electricity Network Company
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc
Northern Powergrid
Energetics Gas Limited
Energetics Electricity Limited
ES Pipelines Ltd
ESP Connections Ltd
ESP Networks Ltd
ESP Pipelines Ltd
Fulcrum Pipelines Limited
GTC Pipelines Limited
Independent Pipelines Limited
LNG Portable Pipeline Services Limited

Quadrant Pipelines Ltd
SSE Pipelines
Scotland Gas Networks Plc
Royal Mail Group
BT Plc
NATS En-Route Safeguarding
Planning Inspectorate
MOD

Hard to reach groups

Lakelands School, Sports & Language College
The Thomas Adams School
The Marches School
Positive Activities Team (Shropshire Youth)
Shropshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs
Shropshire Youth Association
Age UK Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin
Shropshire Association of Senior Citizen Forums
Shropshire Housing Alliance
Meres & Moses Housing Association
Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership
Shropshire Rural Community Council
Shropshire Disability Network
Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly
Tourism Service, Shropshire Council
Shropshire Tourism

Other consultees

County Councillor for Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn
County Councillor for Oswestry East
County Councillor for Prees
County Councillor for Ruyton and Baschurch
County Councillor for St Oswald
County Councillor for The Meres
County Councillor for Wem
County Councillor for Whitchurch North
County Councillor for Whitchurch South
County Councillor for Whittington
Department for Communities and Local Government
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Defence Infrastructure Organisation
Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership
Shropshire Wildlife Trust
The Woodland Trust
Open Spaces Society
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
The RSPB
Offa's Dyke Association
National Trust
Highways Agency Historical Railways Estate
Shropshire Chamber of Commerce
Oswestry Rotary Club
Shropshire Women's Institute
Shrewsbury and District Riding Club
Shropshire Peregrine Group

Whittington History Society
Wem Civic Society
Shropshire Borders District Scouts
NFU Shropshire
Country Land and Business Association Limited
The Ramblers - Shropshire
Federation of Small Businesses - Shropshire, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Region
Sleap Airfield, Shropshire Aero Club Ltd
Shropshire Ornithological Society
ABP UK
Montgomery Canal Partnership
RAF Shawbury

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**Reinforcement to the North Shropshire electricity distribution network:
132,000 volt electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem**

Statement of Community Consultation

November 2017

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1. Introduction

Overview of the Statement of Community Consultation

This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) sets out SP Manweb's approach to the statutory stage of consultation on the proposed development of a new 132 kilovolt (kV) electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem. It has been prepared in accordance with s47 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act). Section 47 (1) of the 2008 Act requires applicants to 'prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land'. This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with this requirement. It has been publicised through a public notice, as required by s48 of the 2008 Act and a copy of this notice is available in **Appendix 1**.

This SoCC explains the community consultation being undertaken and covers:

- The proposed development
- The consenting process
- Where and when the consultation is taking place and who is being consulted
- How the consultation will be undertaken, including the materials that will be published and other engagement activities

- Where people can view these materials and find out more
- The importance of feedback from local people and how they can provide their comments

The consultation is running from 23 November 2017 to 2 February 2018.

The consultation is an important opportunity for local communities (including residents, businesses, organisations and visitors) to get involved and influence the proposals.

This SoCC has been developed in consultation with Shropshire Council. It is designed to help members of the public understand how they can take part in the consultation and what they can influence. This consultation follows non-statutory consultation that commenced in June 2016 and continued to run to the end of July 2017. It is anticipated to be the last consultation on the proposed development before an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) is made to the Planning Inspectorate. It is important to take part if you want to influence the proposed development.

Who is SP Manweb plc?

SP Manweb plc ("SPM") is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) which owns and manages the electricity distribution network within Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales. The network is used to distribute electricity, which has been transmitted to grid supply points, for electricity supply companies to sell onto their customers.

SPM's role is to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity supply in the area for which it is responsible. As such, it is the named applicant for this proposed development.

SPM is part of SP Energy Networks which owns three regulated electricity network businesses in the UK. These are SP Manweb, SP Distribution and SP Transmission which transmit electricity in Central and Southern Scotland. SP Energy Networks supplies electricity to:

- **1.5 million** customers in Merseyside, Cheshire, North Wales and North Shropshire*
- **2 million** customers in Central and Southern Scotland

2. The proposed development

Why the proposed development is needed

The current local electricity distribution 33kV and 11kV network has been supplying North Shropshire reliably for many years. But with future growth in the region planned up to 2030 and beyond, SPM 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.

To reinforce the network, SPM is investing £18m to install a new permanent 132kV electrical circuit from Oswestry substation, located at the A5/A495 roundabout, to Wem substation, located on Ellesmere Road on the western side of Wem.

The new 132kV 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 (SAMDev) Plan (the Local Plan)*¹. The proposed development is therefore vital for unlocking this growth in North Shropshire and Shropshire Council has recognised the need for increased capacity in its draft *Economic Growth Strategy 2017-2021* which says:

We have engaged with Scottish Power Energy Networks to secure significant investment proposals in the north of the County to improve electricity infrastructure by 2021.

What SPM is proposing to build

It is proposed that the new 132kV electrical circuit will comprise of an approximately 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood and an approximately 21 kilometre wood pole overhead Trident line between Round Wood and Wem substation, consisting of approximately 200 wood poles of an average height of approximately 12 metres. The installation of this new circuit will require, subject to consent being granted, temporary construction works over an approximately 18 month period between 2020 to 2021.

The installation of an overhead line with a voltage of 132kV or above, longer than two kilometres, is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) under the 2008 Act. This means that a DCO is required to construct and operate the proposed development.

Benefits and impacts

The proposed development will support growth – particularly at Oswestry, Whitchurch and Wem – which will bring new housing developments, new business and new jobs to the local area. All of this growth will need electricity and the existing network is, however, not capable of supporting the expansion set out in Shropshire Council's adopted Local Plan.

The benefits of the new 132kV electrical circuit cannot be achieved without some impacts related to the construction and operation of the new reinforcement. These impacts potentially include effects on local ecology and wildlife; landscape and visual amenity; archaeology and cultural heritage; and transportation and socio-economic factors.

¹ <http://shropshire.gov.uk/media/1900363/SAMDev-adopted-plan.pdf>

3. The consenting process

DCO applications are submitted to, and examined by, the Planning Inspectorate and a decision is made by the relevant Secretary of State, in this case the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Below is a summary of how the DCO application process works:

- 1 Consultation** – SPM notifies and consults the public, statutory consultees and those with an interest in the affected land (in accordance with sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act) on its proposed application, following earlier non-statutory consultation
- 2 Submission** – SPM will review the feedback received during the consultation and finalise the proposals, taking this feedback into account. A DCO application will then be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, who will appoint the Examining Authority for the application
- 3 Acceptance** – After the application is submitted, the Planning Inspectorate will decide whether it is suitable for examination
- 4 Pre-examination** – If accepted for examination, there will be an opportunity for people to register their interest in the application with the Planning Inspectorate. Anyone registering an interest will be kept informed of the progress of the application, including when and how they can provide comments. A preliminary meeting will set the timetable for examination
- 5 Examination** – The Examination lasts six months. People who have registered their interest will be able to send their comments to the Planning Inspectorate and ask to speak at public hearings
- 6 Decision** – Following the Examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation on the application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Ultimately, the decision as to whether to grant a DCO or not lies with the Secretary of State.

NSIPs are determined with regard to National Policy Statements (NPSs) and the relevant NPSs for this proposed development are the Overarching National Policy Statement for Energy (EN-1) and the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks Infrastructure (EN-5). The NPSs set out national policy against which proposals for major energy projects will be assessed by the Planning Inspectorate and decided by the Secretary of State.

More information on the planning process for NSIPs can be found at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

Before submitting an application, the 2008 Act requires developers, such as SPM, to carry out consultation with local communities and statutory consultees. The early involvement of local communities, local authorities and statutory consultees allows an applicant to obtain important information about the economic, social and environmental impacts of a scheme from consultees so that potential mitigation measures can be considered and, where appropriate, built into the proposed development before an application is submitted.

As part of this process, the Planning Inspectorate will follow a number of steps to receive and review the application, and seek further comment from interested bodies and individuals.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Development

The development is an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development as defined in The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009, as amended. An Environmental Impact Assessment is being undertaken to ensure the likely effects of the proposed development are properly understood and whether appropriate mitigation can be put in place. The proposed application will therefore be accompanied by an Environmental Statement containing the results of the EIA.

Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI), which sets out survey methodologies and results, and the likely significant environmental effects of the proposed development, has been produced and copies of the PEI will be made available on SPM's website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north-shropshire) and reference copies provided at the various locations as detailed below as part of this consultation.

4. Consultation to date

SPM is committed to early engagement with communities and has already provided local people with an opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

Stage One Consultation

The Stage One Consultation commenced in June 2016 and enabled people living in the area to comment and influence SPM's proposals while they were still at an early stage. It followed two years of previous assessment work that had established where to reinforce the network, identified a number of route corridors and then possible line route options. This led to a preferred line route being put forward at the Stage One Consultation.

Stage One Consultation and the work that had informed it was outlined in the following reports published at the start of the consultation:

- **Strategic Options Report (dated May 2016)** – this report detailed the options considered for reinforcing the network in North Shropshire and the reasons for the preferred design
- **Route Corridor Report (dated June 2016)** – this report set out work carried out in 2015 and early 2016 to consider alternative route corridors for the required upgrade of the electricity supply in North Shropshire
- **Line Route Report (dated June 2016)** – this report set out work that was carried out to identify and assess alternative line route options for the proposed 132kV electrical circuit.

At the start of the Stage One Consultation, **Project Update One (dated June 2016)**, (a community newsletter that introduced the project, outlined background work and provided details about the Stage One Consultation) was sent to around 3,000 homes, businesses and other stakeholders.

SPM consulted on the preferred line route; likely environmental impacts of the preferred line route and its associated construction works; other line route options that had been considered; and the approach to consultation. The Stage One Consultation asked people to provide comments on the effects the proposals might have on the local area, such as farming, communities, the landscape, wildlife and ecology, and tourism.

Over the 10 week consultation 68 individual responses (40 emails, 21 hardcopy feedback forms, three online feedback forms and four letters), making over 120 comments, were received. 79 people also attended 4 public events in Cockshutt, Wem, Hordley and Whittington, and provided a variety of comments.

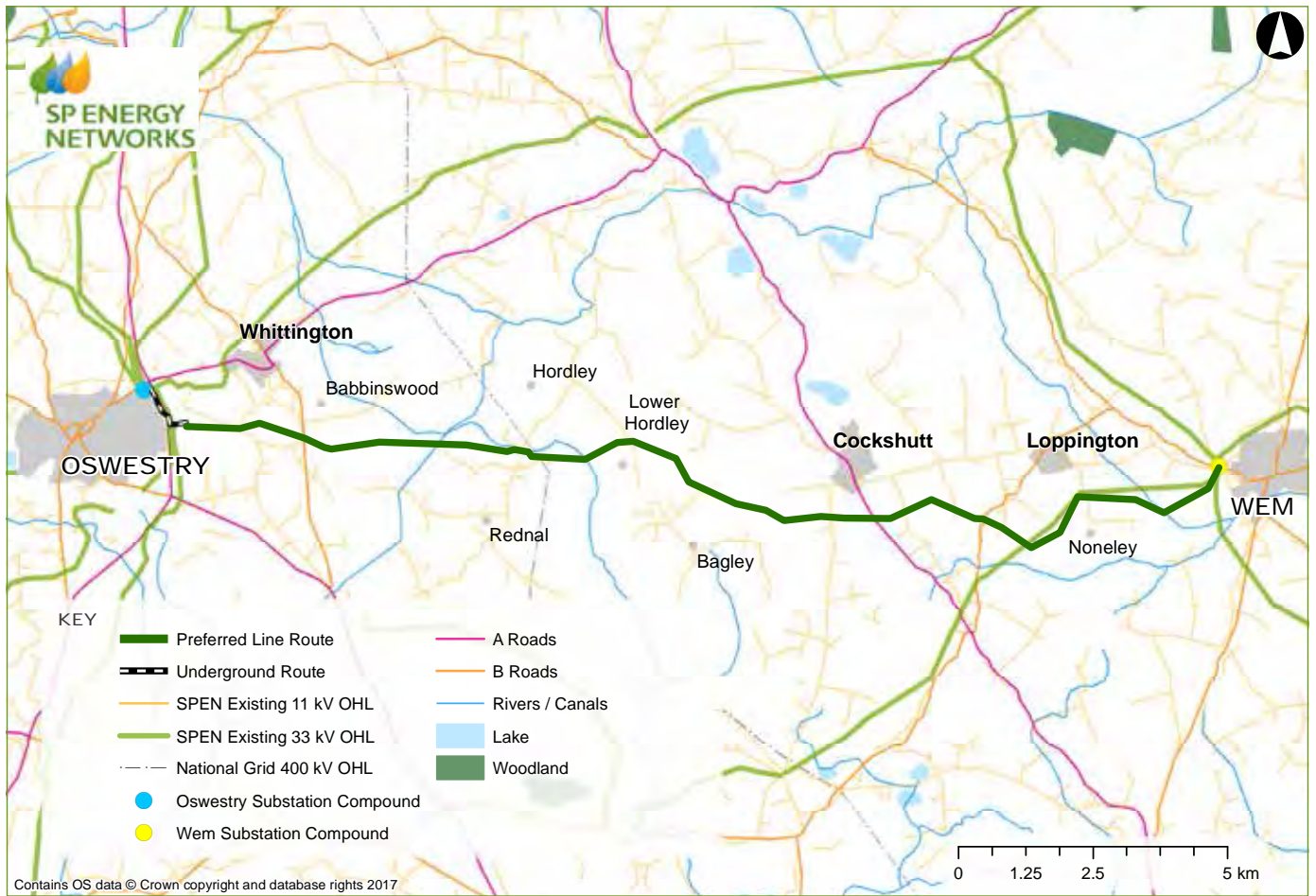
Following a review of all of the feedback received, SPM carried out further assessments of suggested changes to the line route and this work resulted in an amended line route. This work was explained in:

- **Stage One Consultation Feedback Report, November 2016** – this report outlined the scope of the informal Stage One Consultation and the review of feedback received
- **Updated Line Route Report, November 2016** – this report identified a 100 metre wide line route based on further assessment work
- **Project Update Two (November 2016)** – this community newsletter summarised the Stage One Consultation, explained the feedback received and how this was considered when developing the revised 'preferred line route'.

Following the publication of the above documents in November 2016, SPM has continued discussions with local people and land owners and undertaken more specialist landscape and visual, ecological and historic assessments of the alternative line design options suggested. In particular, this has included looking closely at the preferred route near Noneley, Lower Hordley and the Woodhouse Estate.

SPM continued to engage through meetings with local people and landowners on the alternative options near Noneley, Lower Hordley and the Woodhouse Estate. SPM then considered it appropriate to present these options in **Project Update Three** in May 2017 and to seek feedback on these options. SPM allowed feedback to be submitted up to the end of July by which time it had received around 26 responses, the bulk of which related to the Noneley option. SPM then considered the feedback alongside its further technical environmental and design assessment.

The preferred line route as now published with an indicative preferred line alignment for the 132kV cable and overhead wood pole line, including construction working areas and accesses and undergrounding of existing lower voltage overhead lines, takes account of this latest feedback from local people and landowners and the further assessment work carried out by SPM.



Existing Network and Preferred Line Route for the new 132kV Circuit

5. Our Statutory Consultation

Overview

The Statutory Consultation is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 Act. This is anticipated to be the final development-wide consultation before SPM makes an application for a DCO.

This consultation is to help people living in the vicinity of the proposed development to understand it and any effects it may have. This gives local people an opportunity to provide further feedback on the proposed development and to influence it.

What SPM is consulting on

The aim of the statutory consultation is to present and seek feedback on the proposed development. Whilst SPM will consider all comments submitted as part of the consultation, SPM is specifically seeking comments on the following:

- The preferred route for the new 132kV electrical circuit between Oswestry and Wem, comprising of an approximately 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood and an approximately 21 kilometre overhead wood pole Trident line, between Round Wood and Wem substation, consisting of approximately 200 wood poles with an average height of approximately 12 metres
- The location of the temporary construction works areas, such as areas where conductor winching equipment will need to be placed, and construction accesses and lay down areas along the preferred line route
- The installation of lower voltage underground cables to replace existing lower voltage overhead lines where the proposed development would otherwise cross these at below the required safety clearances.

Feedback will also be sought on:

- the likely environmental impacts of the proposed development as set out in the PEI;
- the proposed development's associated construction works;
- SPM's approach to consultation; and
- any other aspects of the proposed development that consultees suggest SP Energy Networks should consider.

When SPM is consulting

SPM is consulting on the proposed development for 10 weeks, between **23 November 2017** and **2 February 2018**.

All feedback must be received by SPM by midnight on **2 February 2018**.

Where SPM is consulting

SPM considers that an area of approximately one kilometre from the northerly and southerly edges of the route corridors published in the **Route Corridor Report June 2016** is an appropriate consultation boundary to the north and south of the proposed development for the Statutory Consultation.

At the easterly (Wem) and westerly (Oswestry) edges of the consultation boundary, SPM has included existing properties on the edge of the two towns that have potential views onto the proposed development who may be affected and it gives them an opportunity to comment. A map of this consultation zone is available in **Appendix 2** and below.

Community consultation activities are focused on this consultation zone and SPM is engaging with those living and working in the consultation zone. A newsletter will be mailed to all residential and business addresses within the consultation zone and consultation events will take place in the main communities in this zone.

SPM recognises that there may be interest in the proposed development beyond the consultation zone. The proposed development will therefore be promoted beyond the consultation zone through press releases to local newspapers

with a wider circulation than the consultation zone and through engagement with parish councils and the Shropshire Council, whose administrative boundaries extend beyond the consultation zone.

All information will also be available on the proposed development's website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire).

SPM is proposing to use an area within its existing SPM Oswestry depot on the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate for storing construction materials and plant. Due to its existing use and location on the industrial estate with good road access, SPM does not consider that the level of associated construction traffic to and from this site to the construction accesses will have any adverse impacts on the existing traffic flows on affected roads. Similarly, the traffic to and from the depot from elsewhere, given the nature of the construction traffic and the existing main road network into the industrial estate, will also not result in any adverse impacts. As such, the site is not included in the proposed development requiring DCO consent, and does not therefore form part of this consultation.



Consultation zone

Who SPM is consulting

Consulting with people living near to the proposals, who may be affected by the development, is an important part of the DCO planning process. Section 47 of the Act describes these as people “*living in the vicinity of the land to which the proposed application relates*”.

The consultation zone takes into account this requirement and SPM will consult with the following people and groups:

- **Local communities** – people with homes and businesses in the consultation zone and those outside who have previously commented on the proposals;
- **Elected representatives** – parish and town councils; county councillors; Members of Parliament; and Members of the European Parliament;
- **Hard to reach groups** – individuals and groups that may have difficulties taking part in the consultation process for a range of reasons;
- **Identified special interest groups** – such as local wildlife, heritage and leisure groups; and
- **Statutory bodies** – as required by the 2008 Act.

How SPM will consult

SPM will consult using a variety of methods to help explain its proposals and encourage people to provide their comments.

Community materials

These materials will help people to understand SPM's proposed development and provide their comments to the consultation. They will be easy to follow and, where appropriate, make strong use of images and graphics.

- **Project Update Four** – this newsletter will provide a summary of the latest proposals, details of the consultation and will include an A2 fold-out map of the proposed development. It will make clear how people can take part in the consultation and what the deadline for feedback is. The newsletter will be sent to homes and businesses in the consultation zone and will be made available on the website, in local libraries and at consultation events.
 - **Feedback form** – this questionnaire will provide an easy way for people to record and submit their feedback. The feedback form will be designed to encourage people to provide feedback in relation to the aspects of the proposals SPM is consulting on but also provide wider feedback in relation to the entirety of the proposed development.
 - **Photomontages** – these visualisations will show what the proposed line route might look like in the landscape and will be taken from viewpoints along the route. They will be available on the website and at consultation events, and to statutory bodies as requested.
 - **Website** – the website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire) will be updated to explain the latest proposals and provide the latest documents for people to download. It will also include maps of the proposals and details of where people can view hard copy materials.
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Community events

To give local people the opportunity to meet the SPM team, better understand the proposals and ask any questions they may have, consultation events will be held in the local area. These events will be organised in the villages and towns closest to the proposals.

People will be able to take copies of Project Update Four and feedback forms away with them. There will also be an opportunity for people to submit their feedback form at the event.

The events will be located at accessible public locations throughout the consultation zone. SPM is holding a number of events, including one on a Saturday, to give people as much chance as possible to attend.

The exhibitions, which will be publicised in the newsletter and on the website, will be held at the following locations and times:

Date	Venue	Address	Time
Saturday 02 December	Wem Town Hall	28-32 High St, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5DG	11am-4pm
Tuesday 05 December	Whittington Community Centre	Station Road, Whittington SY11 4DA	4.30pm-8pm
Wednesday 06 December	Hordley and Bagley Village Hall	Lower Hordley, Ellesmere, Shropshire SY12 9BQ	2.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 12 December	Cockshutt Memorial Hall	Ellesmere SY12 0JQ	2.30pm-6.30pm
Wednesday 13 December	Eastern Oswestry Community Centre	Cabin Lane, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2LQ	4pm-8pm

Reference locations

SPM community materials, maps, technical reports and plans will be available to view at the following locations throughout the consultation period:

Venue	Address	Opening hours
Wem Library	High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AA	Tues: 10am-5pm Thurs: 10am-5pm Fri: 2pm-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Sun
Oswestry Library	Arthur Street, Oswestry SY11 1JN	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-5pm Weds: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-4pm Closed: Sun
Ellesmere Library Large scale maps may not be available at this venue	Fullwood House, Victoria Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AA	Tues: 10am-6pm Fri: 10am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm; 2pm-4pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Thurs, Sun
Whitchurch Library	High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Weds, Sun
Shropshire Council Planning Department	Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6ND	Mon-Fri: 8:30am-5pm
Oswestry Town Council	The Guildhall, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 1PZ	Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm Fri: 9am-4pm

Enquiries and information

SPM will operate a freephone enquiry line during the consultation (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) with an answer phone service outside of these hours and during holiday periods. A dedicated email address and freepost is also available.

- **Freephone** – 0800 804 4666
- **Email** – enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk
- **Freepost** – FREEPOST SPEN NSR (please be advised it is not possible to send registered post to a freepost address)

Publicising the consultation

- **Newsletter** – the newsletter will be sent to homes and businesses in the consultation zone as well as to parish councils. It will include details of community events, where to find more information on the proposed development and how to take part in the consultation.
- **Press releases** – news releases will be issued to the local media during the consultation. A press release will be issued at the start of consultation and another two weeks before the close of consultation, encouraging people to take part. The press releases will be issued to publications including *Shropshire Star*, *Oswestry and Border Counties Advertiser* and the *Whitchurch Herald*.
- **Public notices** – SPM will also take out public notices in local and national newspapers, as required by the 2008 Act.

Hard to reach groups

SPM has developed the consultation to be accessible and this has played an important role in planning consultation activities. Community events are being held in accessible public locations and over a number of days to encourage attendance.

It is important that people are able to take part in the consultation, even if they cannot make a consultation event. Therefore, all community materials and technical reports will be available on the website. People will be able to ask questions and find out more by calling the enquiry line or using the freepost or email addresses.

SPM recognises that some individuals or groups may have difficulties taking part in the consultation process for a range of reasons. It has identified a number of organisations representing hard to reach groups in the area (**Appendix 3**). The hard to reach organisations will be written to at the start of the consultation. Requests for specific consultation activities will be planned and agreed with the requesting organisation so that it best meets the needs of its members.

Project Update Four is available in large print upon request.

Requests for documents

SPM will respond to reasonable requests for further copies of documents. Requests for hard copies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid by the recipient in advance.

Technical reports

A number of technical reports will be produced to support the proposed line route and other aspects of the proposed development. These are detailed planning documents written by specialists to explain the decisions made and how technical assessments have informed these decisions.

These documents will be available on the website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire) and at reference locations. The technical reports available will include:

- Updated Strategic Options review of the need case and preferred technical design of the 132kV circuit;
- Updated Line Route Report explaining the reasons for the updated Preferred Line Route report;
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report setting out the results of environmental surveys, the approaches taken to assess potential environmental effects and the potential significant environmental effects so far identified, and measures envisaged to offset significant effects; and
- Set of 1:10,000 OS plans showing the preferred 132kV cable and 132kV overhead line routes together with construction accesses and construction areas within a proposed development corridor limit.

Other developers' consultations

SPM is not currently aware of any other consultations taking place in the area. However, if it is made aware of other activities, SPM will ensure due regard is given to these.

6. Submitting feedback and what happens next

How to submit feedback

The consultation is an important opportunity for local communities to get involved and influence the proposals and help SPM understand the effects of the proposals in order to establish opportunities to mitigate these.

SPM is consulting between **23 November 2017** and **2 February 2018**.

There are several ways to submit feedback:

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Everyone submitting their comments to us (and providing their contact details) will receive an acknowledgement that their feedback has been received.

What happens next

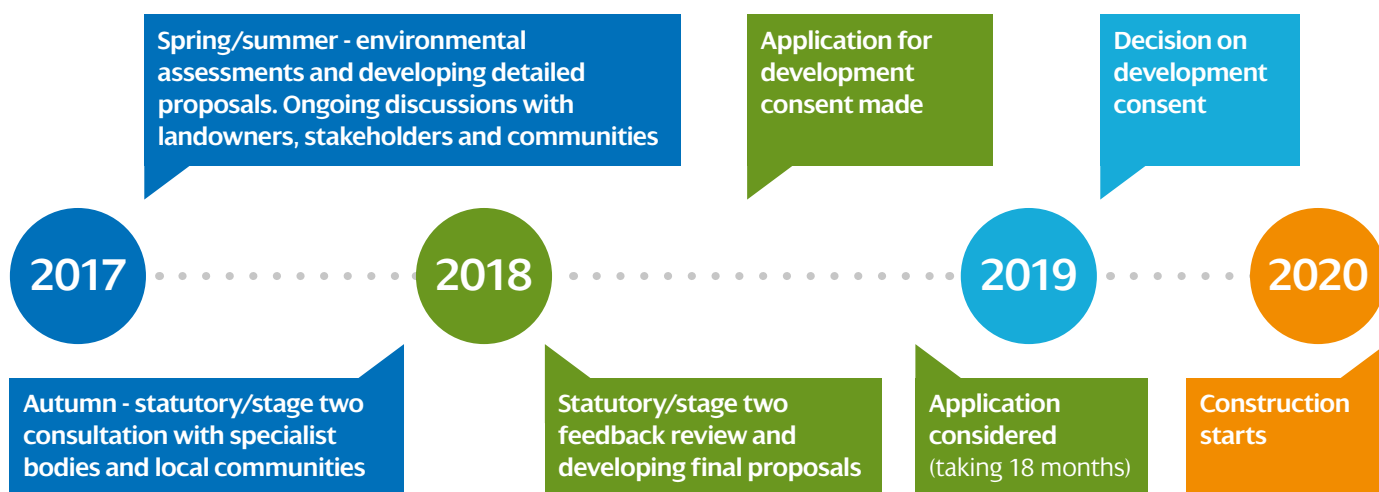
At the close of consultation, we will review and finalise our proposals for the proposed development, having regard to the feedback received.

If, as a result of the feedback, the proposed development changes to the extent that it is necessary to undertake further consultation, this further consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the principles set out in this SoCC and targeted geographically as is appropriate to the change.

A Consultation Report will be produced that sets out how feedback from both statutory and non-statutory consultation has shaped the design of the proposed development. This Consultation Report will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the DCO application. Any comments received from consultees may therefore be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate either in part or in their entirety with the application.

When the DCO application has been submitted to, and if accepted by, the Planning Inspectorate, SPM will advertise that the application has been submitted and accepted and explain the next steps in the process. Our wider project timeline is shown below.

Project timeline



7. Consultation in addition to the community consultation

In addition to the statutory requirements that have informed the preparation and publication of this SoCC, the 2008 Act requires that a number of additional groups are consulted, in addition to the community consultation. These are defined as follows and include, for example, relevant local authorities, people with an interest in the land, technical stakeholders (such as Natural England), transport authorities and emergency services.

Additional consultees

s42 (1) (a): **prescribed consultees**

- Prescribed bodies as listed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended)
- Amongst others, the prescribed bodies to be consulted include all parish councils in whose area the proposals are sited, and adjoining councils

s42 (1) (b) and 43: **Local authorities as described in the Act**

- Local authorities, as defined under section 43, including those in whose area the proposals are sited, and adjoining local authorities

A full list of these consultees, and other interest groups SPM has identified and will consult with is available in **Appendix 3**.

s42 (1) (d) and 44: **those with an interest in the land** to which the proposed application relates (such as ownership, tenancy and/or other interests)

- All persons identified as having an interest in the land to which the proposals relate, within one or more of the categories set out in section 44

s46: **Secretary of State**

- The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will be notified, via the Planning Inspectorate, as set out in section 46.

At the same time as our community consultation, we will consult these consultees directly and will be inviting them to comment on our proposals during the consultation. We'll then consider their feedback alongside the feedback we receive from the public.

SPM has been, and will continue to, contact landowners and occupiers to discuss pole positions and seek to agree rights to construct, operate and maintain the new equipment, voluntarily. Where SPM is unable to reach agreement, it will seek use of compulsory acquisition powers within the submitted DCO.

Appendix 1 – SoCC notice (s47)

Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network Development Consent Order

Notice of publication of Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Have your say on SP Manweb's proposals to install a new 132,000 volt electrical circuit from Oswestry to Wem

SP Manweb plc (SP Manweb), is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator (DNO) and manages the operation and maintenance of the electricity distribution network for Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire, and North Wales, and is the named applicant for this proposed development. SP Manweb is part of SP Energy Networks which also provides power to Central and Southern Scotland.

The SoCC will explain the consultation SP Manweb intends to undertake and how people can comment on the proposed development. It will provide details of where documents can be viewed, where public events will be held and how to

respond to the consultation.

This consultation will run from 23 November 2017 to 2 February 2018. Responses must be received by midnight on the closing date.

A programme of public information events will take place in the area for people to talk to SP Manweb's team and view consultation materials. These are being held from Tuesday 5 December to Wednesday 13 December 2017.

SP Manweb's community materials, maps, technical reports and plans will be available in reference locations in the local area.

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Have your say

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The Proposed Development

The new 132kV electrical circuit will comprise of an approximately 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood and an approximately 21 kilometre wood pole line, between Round Wood and Wem substation, consisting of approximately 200 wood poles approximately 12 metres in height.

SP Manweb will be making an application to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy for a Development Consent Order under the Planning Act 2008.

Public consultation

The Planning Act 2008 requires that consultation is carried out so that communities and stakeholders potentially affected by the proposals can help to inform the way the proposals develop. SP Manweb will be consulting on the proposed new 132kV circuit along with temporary construction works such as construction compounds, accesses and lay down areas along the proposed route.

SP Manweb will also publish a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This report will explain the likely effects the proposed development could have on the environment, based on assessments to date, and the measures SP Manweb proposes to reduce them, where possible. Following the consultation, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be undertaken which will establish the likely significant effects of the proposed development and the

measures to mitigate them. The findings of the EIA will be set out in an Environmental Statement (ES) which will accompany the consent application(s).

Requests for hard copies will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A reasonable copying charge may apply, to be paid for by the recipient. Please contact our community relations team (0800 804 4666).

The SoCC will be available on our website (www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire), and at the locations in the vicinity of the proposed development, below, for the duration of our consultation.

Venue	Address	Opening hours
Wem Library	High Street, Wem, Shrewsbury SY4 5AA	Tues: 10am-5pm Thurs: 10am-5pm Fri: 2pm-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Sun
Oswestry Library	Arthur Street, Oswestry SY11 1JN	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-5pm Weds: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-4pm Closed: Sun
Ellesmere Library Large scale maps may not be available at this venue	Fullwood House, Victoria Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AA	Tues: 10am-6pm Fri: 10am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm; 2pm-4pm Closed: Mon, Weds, Thurs, Sun
Whitchurch Library	High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX	Mon: 9.30am-5pm Tues: 9.30am-6pm Thurs: 9.30am-5pm Fri: 9.30am-5pm Sat: 9.30am-1pm Closed: Weds, Sun
Shropshire Council Planning Department	Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY2 6ND	Mon-Fri: 8:30am-5pm
Oswestry Town Council	The Guildhall, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 1PZ	Mon-Thurs: 9am-5pm Fri: 9am-4pm

Appendix 2 – Consultation zone





Appendix 3 – Additional consultees

Prescribed consultees

Shropshire Council	Design Council CABE
Powys County Council	Highways England
Herefordshire Council	Shropshire Council Highways
Wrexham County Council	The Civil Aviation Authority
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Network Rail
Cheshire East Council	West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	Transport Focus
Staffordshire County Council	The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee
Telford and Wrekin Council	The Office of Rail Regulation
South Staffordshire Council	Network West Midlands (Integrated Transport Authority)
Wyre Forest District Council	Canal and River Trust
Malvern Hills District Council	Health & Safety Executive
Worcestershire Council	West Midlands Strategic Health Authority
Stafford Borough Council	Public Health England
Baschurch Parish Council	NHS England
Cockshutt cum Petton Parish Council	Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Ellesmere Rural Parish Council	Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Hordley Parish Council	Highways Agency Historical Railways Estate
Loppington Parish Council	West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council	Shropshire Fire & Rescue Authority
Oswestry Rural Parish Council	Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia
Oswestry Town Council	Equality and Human Rights Commission
Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council	The Homes and Communities Agency (HQ)
Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council	The Homes and Communities Agency (Midlands)
Welshampton and Lyneal Parish Council	Crown Estates Commissioners
Wem Rural Parish Council	The Coal Authority
Wem Town Council	Ofgem
West Felton Parish Council	Marches Local Enterprise Partnership
Whitchurch Town Council	Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA)
Whitchurch Rural Parish Council	Ofwat
Whittington Parish Council	Severn Trent Water
Natural England	Melverley Internal Drainage Board
The Environment Agency (Midlands Region)	SP Manweb Plc
The Forestry Commission	National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
Historic England (Birmingham office)	

Organisations representing hard to reach groups

National Grid Plc	Lakelands School, Sports & Language College
Cadent Gas Ltd	The Thomas Adams School
ESP Electricity Limited	The Marches School
Independent Power Networks Limited	Positive Activities Team (Shropshire Youth)
The Electricity Network Company	Shropshire Federation of Young Farmers Clubs
Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc	Shropshire Youth Association
Northern Powergrid	Age UK Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin
Energetics Gas Limited	Shropshire Association of Senior Citizen Forums
Energetics Electricity Limited	Shropshire Housing Alliance
ES Pipelines Ltd	Meres & Moses Housing Association
ESP Connections Ltd	Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership
ESP Networks Ltd	Shropshire Rural Community Council
ESP Pipelines Ltd	Shropshire Disability Network
Fulcrum Pipelines Limited	Shropshire Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly
GTC Pipelines Limited	Shropshire Tourism
Independent Pipelines Limited	
LNG Portable Pipeline Services Limited	
Quadrant Pipelines Ltd	
SSE Pipelines	
Royal Mail Group	
BT Plc	
NATS En-Route Safeguarding	
Planning Inspectorate	
MOD	
Indigo Pipelines Limited	
Wales & West Utilities Limited	
G2 Energy IDNO Ltd	
Harlaxton Energy Networks	
Leep Energy Networks	
UK Power Distribution Ltd	
Utility Assets Ltd	

Other consultees

County Councillor for Gobowen, Selattyn and Weston Rhyn	National Trust
County Councillor for Oswestry East	Highways Agency Historical Railways Estate
County Councillor for Prees	Shropshire Chamber of Commerce
County Councillor for Ruyton and Baschurch	Oswestry Rotary Club
County Councillor for St Oswald	Shropshire Women's Institute
County Councillor for The Meres	Shrewsbury and District Riding Club
County Councillor for Wem	Shropshire Peregrine Group
County Councillor for Whitchurch North	Whittington History Society
County Councillor for Whitchurch South	Wem Civic Society
County Councillor for Whittington	Shropshire Borders District Scouts
Department for Communities and Local Government	NFU Shropshire
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)	Country Land and Business Association Limited
Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	The Ramblers - Shropshire
Defence Infrastructure Organisation	Federation of Small Businesses - Shropshire, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Region
Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership	Sleap Airfield, Shropshire Aero Club Ltd
Shropshire Wildlife Trust	Shropshire Ornithological Society
The Woodland Trust	ABP UK
Open Spaces Society	Montgomery Canal Partnership
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	RAF Shawbury
The RSPB	
Offa's Dyke Association	



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Electricity Distribution Network**

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**6.2 Email to Shropshire Council, notifying
further changes to the Statement of Community
Consultation**

DCO Document 5.1.6

**PINS Reference: EN020021
Planning Act 37(3)(c)
November 2018**

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Subject: RE: North Shropshire Reinforcement Project - Formal Submission of Draft Statement of Community Consultation (Planning Act 2008 S47)

[REDACTED]

I am being pressed by legal colleagues for you to confirm in an email on the back of my original note to you on 9th October as below, our conversation last week on 9th when you confirmed to me you are happy with the SoCC as amended. To assist, the changes made are as follows:

- i) expanding the consultation zone to include the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate on page 9;
- ii) changes to Who SP Manweb is consulting on page 10 by deleting reference to statutory bodies as already referred to in Section 7
- iii) deleting reference to photomontages being made available on pg 10;
- iv) changing ref to plans scale from 1:10,000 to 1:2,500 on page 13;
- v) aligning programme on pg 14 to that as in Newsletter.

Thanks
Steve

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Subject: RE: North Shropshire Reinforcement Project - Formal Submission of Draft Statement of Community Consultation (Planning Act 2008 S47)

[REDACTED]

Please see a copy of the final version of the SoCC which has gone to print today. This follows the formal submission made below and our subsequent telephone calls, the most recent being last Friday when you confirmed that the SoCC as submitted with the changes we'd discussed was acceptable. I'd be grateful if you can confirm your approval to the SoCC as attached.

Thanks

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Subject: North Shropshire Reinforcement Project - Formal Submission of Draft Statement of Community Consultation (Planning Act 2008 S47)

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As previously discussed, SP Manweb plc is seeking a Development Consent Order for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and as required by Section 47 (1) of the Planning Act 2008, it has prepared a statement about how it intends to statutorily consult the community living in the vicinity of the land affected by its proposals. You have recently

helpfully provided comments on a recent draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) prior to this formal submission and these have been incorporated into the version now formally submitted.

Section 47 (2) of the Planning Act 2008 requires that we consult relevant local authorities, in this case Shropshire Council as relevant local authority, about what is to be included in our SoCC prior to publication. In line with this requirement, a copy of the draft SoCC is supplied with this email for this formal consultation.

The statutory requirement allows Shropshire Council a minimum of 28 days from receipt of notice of formal consultation via this email to allow you time to offer any further comment on our SoCC. Can you please therefore provide any such comments on the draft SoCC to myself by Wednesday 8th November 2017.

Please let me know if I can help with any matters arising prior to setting out any comments. Otherwise, I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

[Redacted]



Land & Planning
Senior Environmental Planner

Tel: [Redacted]



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**6.3 Letter from Shropshire Council confirming
no further comments on the Statement of
Community Consultation**

DCO Document 5.1.6

**PINS Reference: EN020021
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Steven Edwards
SP Manweb



16th November 2017

Dear Steven

North Shropshire Reinforcement Project – Draft Statement of Community Consultation

Thank you for notifying the Council as to the consultation into the draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) as part of the North Shropshire Reinforcement Project in line with Section 47 (1) of the 2008 Planning Act. It is also acknowledged SP Manweb consulted the Council informally on a pre-draft version of the SoCC in September 2017, which the Council provided comments.

I can confirm the Council are supportive of the general approach to consultation proposed by SP Manweb in the draft SoCC. It is acknowledged SP Manweb have reflected a number of comments made by the Council to the pre-draft version of the SoCC, which the Council welcomes.

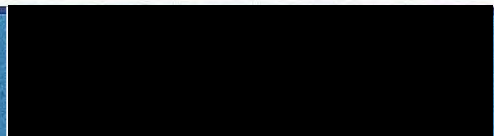
In summary, it is noted SP Manweb have made the following positive changes to the pre-draft version of the SoCC which are supported:

- i) The Consultation Zone has been extended to include the Maesbury Road Industrial Estate on page 9;
- ii) Clarification on who SP Manweb is consulting with on page 10 in addition to the statutory bodies which are referred to in Section 7
- iii) The commitment to provide 1:2,500 level maps, referred to on page 13;
- iv) Clarification on the project timeline and programme alignment on page 14 to reflect recent project newsletter.

It is noted the draft SoCC has removed reference to the provision of photomontages under consultation material on page 10. However, it is recognised there are alternative mechanisms in which the public can interact, get involved and understand the proposals in an effective manner, in particular through the provision of a Project Newsletter Update.

In summary, it is considered the draft SoCC is fit for purpose and will provide an effective framework for consulting with communities on the draft proposals.

Kind regards,



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6.4 Letter sent to Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP at the launch of statutory consultation

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Rt. Hon. Owen Paterson



22 November 2017

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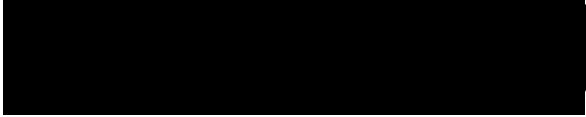
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**6.5 Letter sent to project MEPs at the launch of
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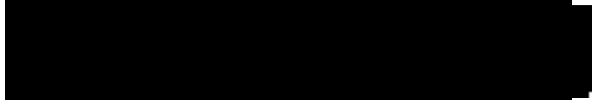
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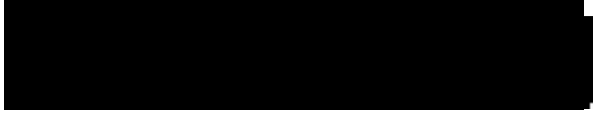
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Ms Anthea McIntyre MEP

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Ms Jill Seymour MEP

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during the statutory consultation**

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Cows need a balanced diet as winter closes in

With cows moving onto winter diets, producers need to balance silage-based rations to help maximise milk production.

By monitoring the ration closely, there is real opportunity to maximise milk from forage using this season's grass silage.

However, with reports of average 2017 first-cut grass silage indicating variable quality, it's important to know exactly what you're working with and balance rations.

In general, reports suggest that earlier cut grass silages have reduced levels of digestible fibre, which is reflected in lower levels of slowly fermentable carbohydrates, while rapidly fermentable carbohydrates are on average higher than last year. As a result, this increases the potential risk for

Farming Talk with

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acid load, and we could see problems with rumen health if rations aren't carefully balanced.

I would advise that in some rations where this is the case, supplementary digestible fibre will be required, such as pressed sugar beet pulp, to avoid drops in milk fat associated with lower digestible fibre levels.

The fibre in sugar beet is more digestible than other feeds such as soya hulls. In addition,

the unique pectins in sugar beet will help to maintain a healthy rumen and support higher milk fat.

The inclusion of pressed sugar beet pulp, which is a highly palatable and ready to feed moist feed, may also be beneficial for producers with cows still at grass to balance diminishing grass quantity and dry matter intakes.

If cows are still grazing in the day, it is important to remember that in most cases now, grazing is not enough to support maintenance, so additional feeding is required.

Overestimating what can realistically be achieved from grass at this time of year can mean that yield and cow condition are compromised, with cows 'milking off their backs'.

This will have a knock-on effect on winter performance, as well as fertility.

Supplementing buffer rations with moist feeds such as pressed pulp can help encourage intakes and support milk yields, while also limiting the risk of acidosis, which can often occur when concentrate use is increased to bridge the gap.

Pressed pulp is readily available until March 2018 due to the increased availability from the 2017 sugar beet harvest and complements both grazed grass and grass silage rations.

Bethany May is ruminant nutritionist at Trident Feeds.

£18m power line upgrade 'is boost'

Report by James Pugh

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AN £18 million scheme to increase electricity capacity across north Shropshire has been welcomed by a civic leader.

Councillor Ryan Hartley, Mayor of Ellesmere, has backed the upgrade which will see a new 132,000-volt overhead power line built between Oswestry and Wem.

Formal consultation on the next stage of the scheme begins this month.

Representatives from town and parish councils affected by the scheme have been invited to a meeting on November 22.

The upgrade will mostly benefit Oswestry, Wem and Whitchurch as well as surrounding villages.

But Councillor Hartley said: "Although the new line won't cross into our parish or come anywhere near us, it will come close enough to enhance the supply to the town.

"It will hopefully encourage new businesses to set and enable them to have an adequate power supply.

"The meeting is for any councils affected by the new line."

Scottish Power Energy Networks, which is behind the work, said the next stage of consultation will allow communities and stakeholders to view the proposed project design and provide feedback.

The line will run between Oswestry substation, located at the A5/A495 roundabout, and the Wem substation, in Ellesmere Road, on the western side of the town.

Complete

It is hoped construction on the new line will start by 2020 and take about 12 months to complete.

The consultation phase will be followed by a formal application in 2018 for government consent for the route.

Paul Ferguson, a spokesman for SP Energy Networks, said: "We remain on programme to commence the next major milestone in the project which is our formal consultation this November, where we will invite local communities and stakeholders to view our proposed project design and provide feedback. The consultation will include local events and should be proposed to continue until early February."

Scottish Power Energy Networks said the new power line will provide additional capacity to support business investment and new residential developments across the region.

It said the new 132,000-volt wooden pole line is the most appropriate solution after investigating a number of options for reinforcing the network. It plans to build the new overhead line using a wood pole Trident design – a design which it said is a tried and tested, constructed most recently for reinforcing the electricity distribution network between Legacy substation and Oswestry substation.

Successful 10k race is to run and run



More than 500 runners in the 2017 event raised in excess of £5,000 for charity partner Macmillan Cancer Support

Report by James Pugh

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A 10k fundraising race is returning in 2018 following the huge success of the first event of its kind in a town earlier this year.

Sir John Talbot's School and headline sponsors Grocontinental are joining forces once again to hold the event in Whitchurch.

Next year's race will take place on April 8 around the town.

This year's event raised more than £5,000 for charity partner Macmillan Cancer Support.

In April, more than 550 runners participated in the inaugural road race starting

and finishing at the school and taking competitors on a route around the town, showcasing shops, parks and local amenities. Organisers are now hoping the event will welcome more than 600 entries in 2018 and raise further funds for its chosen charity partner.

Headteacher David O'Toole said: "The warm reception and level of support for Whitchurch's first 10k run was astounding from our sponsors, runners, volunteers and the wider community.

"We are delighted to be under way with preparations to cement the Whitchurch 10k in the race calendar for 2018 and welcome wider support in making this happen.

"We have recently received news that the event has been nominated for two national running awards, a true tribute to the local area and race organisers. I do hope you will join us in 2018 and I look forward to seeing you on race day."

Registration is now open by visiting <https://regevent.co.uk/sjt-whitchurch-shropshire-10k-on-sunday-8th-april-2018-1000am>.

Health pioneer in major speech

A professor who is pioneering research, has travelled nearly 7,000 miles to address delegates at a leading health conference in Singapore.

John Buckley, Professor of Applied Exercise Science at University Centre Shrewsbury (UCS) and its Centre for Active Living, was invited to present at an international cardiac rehab conference, the Singapore Prevention and Cardiac Rehabilitation Symposium (SPCRS) 2017.

The theme of the event was 'Advances in cardiac rehabilitation for improved health.'

Prof Buckley, who has recently led a study investigating the benefits of External Counter Pulsation Therapy to improve cardiovascular health, delivered a presentation to more than 300 delegates, as well as a four hour workshop for around 50 exercise medicine doctors and physiotherapists.

Professor Buckley said: "It was a great honour to speak at this international conference alongside leaders in rehabilitation from the World Health Organisation and the European Society of Cardiology. Over the last 10 years I have had the pleasure of tutoring Singapore postgraduate students studying in both Chester and Shrewsbury."



Prof Buckley

Grotto and stalls at wonderland

A winter wonderland will come to Mid Wales this festive season.

A special event to mark the countdown to Christmas will begin at Bronerion, in Llandinam near Llanidloes, and take place on December 1.

The free event is the biggest one of the year and runs from 4.30pm to 10pm, with buses provided to transport passengers to the Grade II listed Edwardian house from Newtown for £1 per person each way.

Attractions include Santa's grotto, a market with more than 30 stalls manned by local companies selling food and gifts, along with face painting and traditional fairground rides games. Mother Claus will be telling stories to keep the younger visitors entertained in Broneirion's library and there will be entertainment from local school choirs and the Tenovus Choir. All the festive entertainment will be in the glow of Wales' tallest living decorated Christmas tree, which stands at more than 147 feet.

Sixth form offers new sport course

A sixth form is launching a new qualification in sport and physical activity from next September.

The Level 3 Cambridge Technical Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity forms part of Whitchurch-based Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form's expanding portfolio of courses being offered to Year 12 students.

Prospective students currently in Year 11 from surrounding schools who are making their decisions for post-16 education are being invited to experience a day at the sixth form throughout the month of November, in advance of the application deadline on November 30.

Sir John Talbot's Sixth Form offers a range of A-level and BTEC subjects.

For more information contact Michelle Jones on 01948 660600 or visit www.sirjohnalbots.co.uk

VIP experience offer for food-loving families

Families who love to cook are being sought to show off their talents in the kitchen.

Winners will be crowned the Nation's Most Foodie Family at the BBC Good Food Show Winter.

Headline sponsor for the BBC Good Food Show, Lexus, wants to find a family that loves cooking together or has a winning recipe that has been passed down through generations. The most inspiring family will win a day out at this winter's BBC Good Food Show where they will be treated to a VIP experience.

The deadline for applications is Friday. Winners will then receive their VIP day out on December 3. To nominate a family go to lexus.co.uk/bbgoodfood

Market and choir at switch-on

The Christmas lights in Bishop's Castle will be switched on in the coming weeks. There will be an antique and flea market plus craft stalls at the town hall from 10am to 8pm for the big event on December 2. A school choir will sing at 5pm and there will be music throughout the day. Entry is free. For more information call 01588 630023.

Fire crews generate help for the helpers

A voluntary organisation supporting people in times of need has been given a generator to help it in its work.

The Rapid Relief Team, a charitable organisation whose aim is to provide compassion and support to local charitable causes and people in need, was given a generator by the Mid and West Wales Fire Service fire cadet trust.

The Rapid Relief Team is often out supporting emergency services throughout

Montgomeryshire during major incidents.

The charity, made up of members of the local Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, provides food, refreshments and support to the firefighters as they work.

Matthew Lynes, Local RRT Team Leader based at Newtown, said: "We are extremely grateful to the fire cadets for this generous kind-hearted gift.

"As a team, we have been saving up to get one because we're often out at incidents

where there's no power supply. This will enable us to have power wherever we are. We are exceptionally thankful."

The generator was handed over during the cadet's presentation evening at Newtown Fire Station earlier in the year.

Group Manager Steve Rowlands said: "The RRT provides valuable and voluntary support to the fire service and our crews in often unsociable and long hours. Having such support ensures our firefighters have

refreshments and the support to continue their vital work helping to save lives and property throughout the area.

"A lot of the time we are in rural or isolated locations where access to electricity is unavailable, having a generator will provide a great deal of assistance in their work with us."

More information about the RRT can be found at www.rapidreliefteam.org where anyone to donate on their website.

Hurry to have your say on powerline plans

A CONSULTATION for an £18 million powerline across north Shropshire ends next month.

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■ The proposed powerline route from Oswestry to Wem

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Still time to comment on north Shropshire powerline proposal



Emily Davies



Wednesday 17 January 2018 16:00



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'Good' turnout at SP Energy consultation event for Oswestry to Wem powerline



Georgia Macey



Thursday 14 December 2017 11:58



SP Energy Network officials have been on hand to discuss the proposed 132,000-volt powerline which will benefit Oswestry and Wem.

Five public days were held which formed part of the 10-week

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North Shropshire resident and TV star Keith Chegwin dies aged 60

Mark Sobczak, 132kV General Manager at SP Energy Networks, said: "We had a good turnout at all of the consultation events, and the team helped to answer lots of questions from residents and landowners.

"We would like to thank all of those who attended and all comments will be reviewed. The consultation runs until February 2 so there is still plenty of time for people to look on our website or visit a local library to review the plans and make comments. We want to encourage as many people as possible to help shape our final project design."

The new electrical circuit will provide a boost to business growth and residential properties across north Shropshire.

The plans will be finalised after the consultation before submitting a formal planning application in 2018.

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See full story in the *Advertiser*

Town gets ready for its lights switch-on

Power plans to go on show



The power line will run across the North Shropshire countryside for a 21-kilometre £18 million pylon line will go on show to the public.

SP Energy Networks, which is behind the scheme, says it wants to hear the public's views on the route of the line as it crosses the countryside from Round Wood to Wem substation.

The electrical circuit will be buried for the 1.2 kilometres between Oswestry substation and Round Wood, a decision influenced by the existing overhead lines at Oswestry substation, as well as the A5.

Consultation meetings will be held on Tuesday at Whittington Community Centre from 4.30pm to 8pm and on December 13 at Eastern Oswestry Community Centre.

Report by Jonny Drury

FINAL preparations are being made as a town gears up for its Christmas lights switch-on.

Welshpool Carnival Queen Macie Lockwood will turn on the lights at 6.30pm tomorrow (Friday) at Welshpool Town Hall.

The evening will begin at 6pm, with free craft sessions in the Corn Exchange run by the Crafty Pixies Art Studio, as well as community stalls, and the Angel Voice School will perform outside the Town Hall.

At 6.15pm a procession which includes the Newtown Youth Band, reindeer and 'Santa', will leave the tourist information centre, arriving at the town hall ready for the lights to be switched on by the carnival queen at 6.30pm.

Following the light switch-on, Santa's Grotto, located in the indoor market, will open for visits to Santa free of charge.

Refreshments will be on sale in Welshpool's indoor market, with the market stalls also open throughout the evening for Christmas shoppers.

In traditional fashion, the town's winter fair will take place the following day, Saturday, from 10am to 4pm with the streets lined with craft and charity stalls. Visitors to the event can view the goods on offer at the street stalls located on Broad Street and High Street. More than 40 craft and charity stalls will be located in the town hall as well as market stalls in Welshpool's Indoor Market. The Rotary Club of Welshpool will launch the Tree of Light 2017 at 10.30am, with carols and mince pies. Puzzle Square shopping area will host a petting zoo, there will be music from the Angel Voice School and carols by the Puzzle Square Christmas tree at 3pm. Entertainment on the day includes performances from Salopian Brass and Tribe Dance Academy.

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Education 13

Thought-provoking lecture series will challenge minds

Lecturefest is a selection of lectures by 17 university academics providing thought-provoking talks on various academic themes relating to the arts, humanities, mathematics, science & technology.

This new and exciting annual event takes place on Saturday December 9, is hosted at Shrewsbury High School and is designed to cater for the very large and unsatisfied demand for academic extension that is apparent amongst senior school children in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Staffordshire and beyond.

It is open to all pupils in Year 9 and above.

Lecturefest is the complementary event to the highly popular Shrewsbury High School Young Oxbridge Conference, which was held in the Spring of this year, and aims to provide stretch and challenge to inquisitive-minded children aged 14-18 years of age and who may be seeking the academic enrichment required for applications to the most prestigious universities in the country, and beyond.

Emily Erick who has been organising the event is thrilled with the speakers coming to the High School: "A hugely diverse range of subjects are covered at this year's event from maths, computer science, engineering and history to art, Spanish, palliative care and psychology and we are delighted to welcome many respected lecturers and academics to the inaugural



Lecturefest is designed to offer academic enrichment to students

festival". Speakers include Professor Edith Hall, Professor of Classics at King's College London who has published 25 books on the ancient world and its reception.

Professor Bob Stone from the University of Birmingham will be discussing Virtual and Augmented Reality and Dr Kate Hendry, an alumna of Shrewsbury High School

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Views of public sought on proposals for 21-kilometre line £18m pylon plans set to go on show

Report by Sue Austin
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The preferred route has now been refined further, showing the proposed locations for placing wood poles and the underground cable needed for the new circuit.

The electrical circuit will be buried for the 1.2 kilometres between Oswestry substation and Round Wood, a decision influenced by the existing overhead lines at Oswestry substation, as well as the A5.

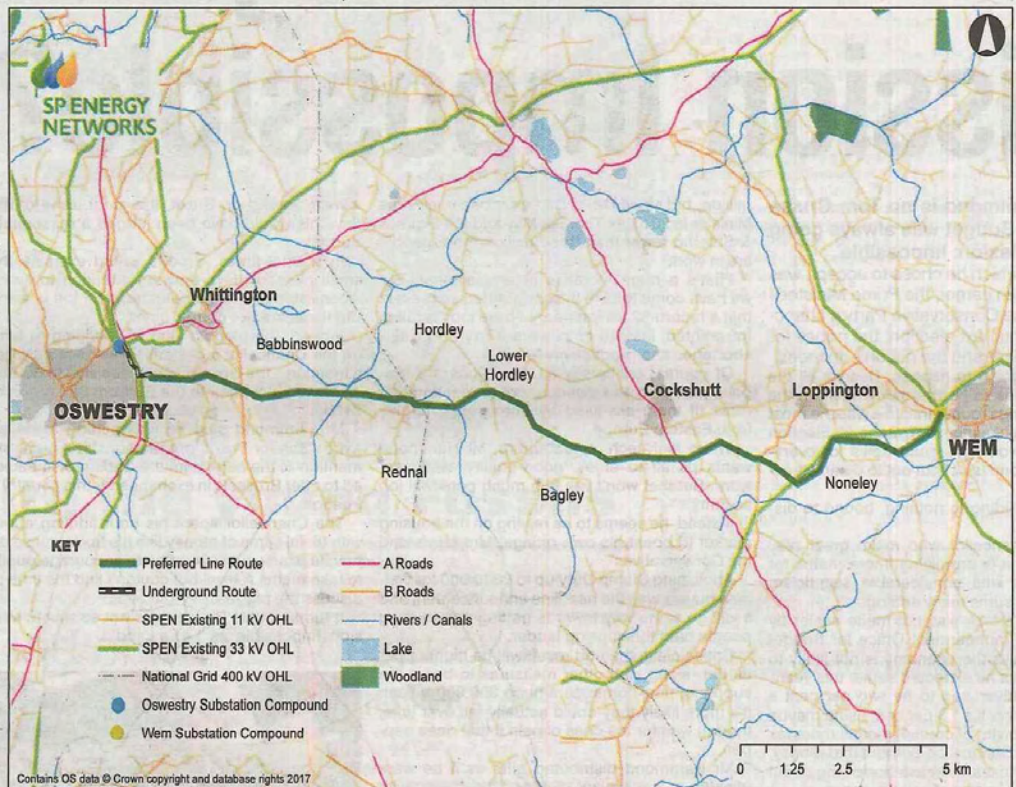
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Mark Sobczak, 132kV general manager at SP Energy Networks, said: "The cable would be buried one metre deep and any land affected by this work will be reinstated following construction. The land near to Oswestry substation, east of the A5, has been designated for business growth and the company will ensure their plans have as little impact on this as possible."

From Round Wood to Wem substation, there will be 21 kilometres of wood pole line with about 176 wooden poles at an average height of 12 metres.

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This map shows the route of the proposed power line that will run through the countryside from from Wem to Oswestry

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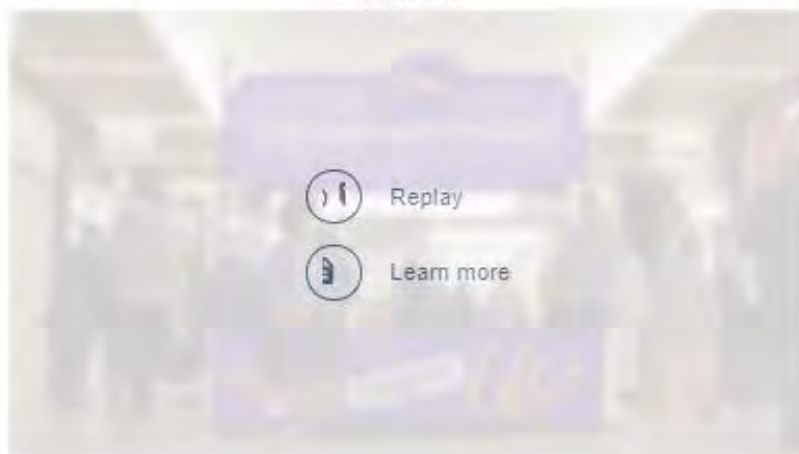
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Scottish Power Energy Networks said the new power line will provide additional capacity to support business investment and new residential developments across the region.

It said the new 132,000-volt wooden pole line is the most appropriate solution after investigating a number of options for reinforcing the network.

It plans to build the new overhead line using a wood pole Trident design – a design which it said is a tried and tested, constructed most recently for reinforcing the electricity distribution network between Legacy substation and Oswestry substation.

It has particularly been keen to get feedback on the preferred line route in terms of its location and limits, and the likely environmental impacts of the preferred line route and its associated construction works, such as storage areas for equipment.

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Collection of bottles to go on display

Bottles of all shapes and sizes will take centre stage at a collectors fair being held in Shrewsbury next month.

The Shrewsbury and District Antique Bottle Collectors club is celebrating turning 21 and is staging its annual show at the Bayston Hill Memorial Hall on November 5.

Club secretary John Thompson said: "This event brings together people from across the Midlands and Wales to buy sell and view the wide range of mainly Edwardian/Victorian bottles, jars and packaging items/ephemera that appeal to collectors, who are attracted by their wide variety of styles, colours and related social history - and in some cases high values."

"It usually also attracts curious members of the public and those generally interested in collectables."

The event runs from 9am until 1pm. Entry before 10.30am is £3 per person, then £1 from 10.30am to 11.30am and after that it's free. There is free parking on site and hot and cold food and drinks are available.

This year, with 21 years of the event in mind, the club has organised a special display of local rarities believed to exist as only '2 or 1' known examples.

Profits from the show go to the West Midlands Air Ambulance Service.

Talks start on £18m electricity upgrade

Report by James Pugh
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Students enjoy fruits of labour



Preparing the apple harvest, which includes the award-winning chutney, are, from left, Angharad Davies, Sarah Turner and Lowri Davies

The apple harvest is providing a wealth of work experience for students.

Derwen College at Gobowen, near Oswestry, puts emphasis on giving its students skills for life in the workplace - and its orchards are providing rich pickings.

Students specialising in horticulture have been tending the apples all year and are now busy picking the bumper crop.

The fruit then goes to the food centre where staff and students turn it into delicious treats, including apple pies and cakes,

as well as Derwen College's award-winning Spiced Apple Chutney. Last year the chutney won a national Great Taste Award, competing against food from across the UK.

After the chutney is bottled and labelled, the pots are sold in the farm and food shop, also staffed by the students.

Other apple products are sold in the restaurant and cafe. Louise Keevil, from

the college, said: "Students are involved in every process here from planting seeds and growing fruit and vegetables, making the jams and chutneys in the food centre and stocking and selling in the farm shop."

"We also create the labels here on site. There is a wide range of products in our handmade range, including the chutneys and jams."

Students also take their apples and the end products out to special food festivals and markets.

Report by Sue Austin

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Van broken into at night

A van parked at a business was broken into by would-be thieves.

It happened in Stafford Street, Market Drayton, overnight between Tuesday and Wednesday.

Police say no thefts were mentioned but some disorder had been reported in the area around 10pm.

Anyone with information is asked to call West Mercia Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Car bursts into flames

Traffic was disrupted when a 4x4 burst into flames on the A5 near Shrewsbury yesterday.

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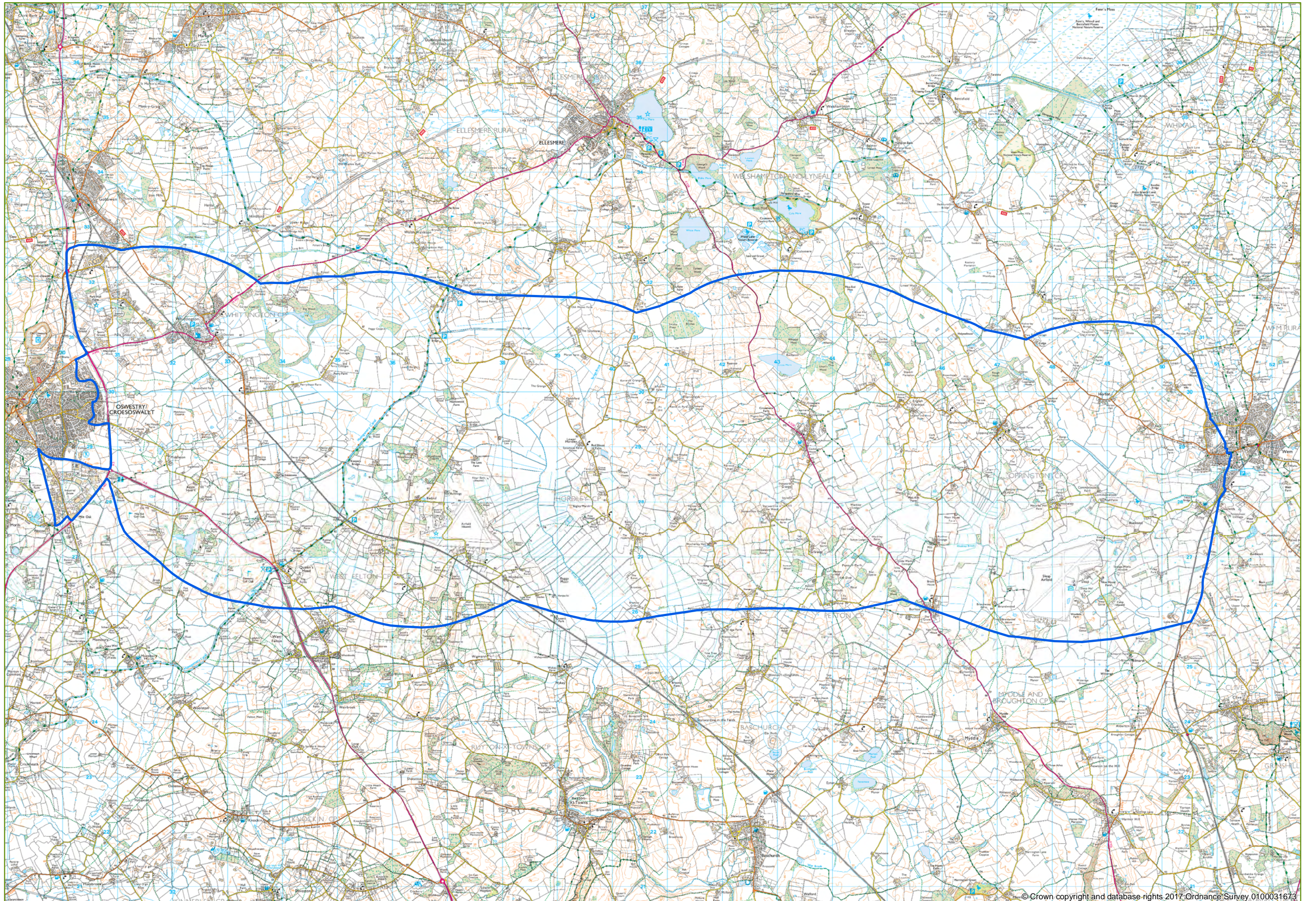
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Reinforcement to North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network: 132,000 Volt wood pole overhead line from Oswestry to Wem

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

SP Manweb Plc is consulting on plans for a new 132,000 Volt electrical circuit between Oswestry and Wem. The proposed development includes:

- a 1.2 kilometre underground cable between Oswestry substation and Round Wood;
- approximately 21 kilometres of overhead wood pole Trident line between Round Wood and Wem;
- temporary works to enable construction, including laydown areas and access tracks; and
- other associated construction works, including putting short sections of existing lower voltage overhead lines underground.

When providing your comments, the more detailed you can be, including referencing specific locations, the more helpful this is in developing our proposals.

This is a statutory consultation as required by the Planning Act 2008. It is likely to be 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), so it's really important you take part and have your say.

In providing your comments, you may find it useful to:

- Visit our website at www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire
- Read **Project Update Four – Winter 2017/18**
- Look at **technical documents and detailed maps** showing the preferred line route and associated development, and our work carried out at earlier stages

Our consultation is open between 23 November 2017 and 2 February 2018. Please provide your comments by this date.

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If you require more space, please use additional paper and make it clear which question you are answering.

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Question 2: We've looked carefully at ways of reducing the number of vehicle movements and effects on the local road network during construction. Do you have any comments on our outline construction plan and temporary works?

Question 3: We'll need to carry out some associated construction works. For example, we're proposing to put short sections of existing lower voltage lines underground where the proposed wood pole Trident line would be too close to them. We may also have to carry out some vegetation clearance, or similar enabling works, to allow us to construct the proposed development. Do you have any comments on our associated construction works?

Question 4: The preferred line route has developed as the result of several stages of work over the last two years, including choosing where to reinforce the network, identifying route corridors and considering line route options. Do you have any comments on our previous work and how the preferred line route has developed?

Question 5: Do you have any other comments about the proposed development, our consultation or the information we have made available for this consultation?

What happens to your feedback?

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 Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate). For information on the planning process, please visit: <https://Infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

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**6.10 Updated website at the launch of statutory
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INVESTMENT IN NORTH SHROPSHIRE ELECTRICITY NETWORK

SP Energy Networks is planning to invest £18m to support and enable growth across **North Shropshire**.

A new wood pole overhead line is now proposed to reinforce the electricity network. The line will run from **Oswestry substation**, located at the A5/A495 roundabout, to **Wem substation**, located on Ellesmere Road on the western side of Wem.

This line will provide capacity to support development on land allocated for **new jobs and homes in Oswestry, Whitchurch and Wem**. It will attract future business and housing investment across North Shropshire through to and beyond 2036. The new overhead line will reinforce the existing network by increasing the capacity available.

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OUR CONSULTATION

We are proposing to put the electrical circuit underground for 1.2 kilometres between Oswestry substation and Round Wood. From Round Wood to Wem substation, we're proposing approximately 21 kilometres of wood pole Trident line with an average height of 12 metres.

We've looked carefully at ways of reducing the number of vehicle movements and effects on the local road network during construction. Please let us know your comments by completing a [feedback form](#) and return to us at the contact addresses available.

There are four ways to give your feedback:

1. Online feedback form

Complete the feedback form below and submit online.

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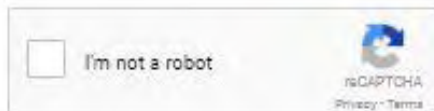
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SUBMIT

2. Post feedback form

Download a PDF of the feedback form to print, complete, and post to our freepost address: **FREEPOST SPEN NSR**.

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3. E-mail

Send us an e-mail to: enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk

4. Write

Write to us using our freepost address: **FREEPOST SPEN NSR**

What happens to your feedback?

Following the close of our consultation, we'll review our proposals in light of the feedback we've received. Using these comments, and our own further assessments, we'll then develop the final design for the proposed development.

Online Feedback Form

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OUR PROPOSALS

What we are proposing



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The new connection will be built using wooden poles that look like many of the electricity lines already in North Shropshire - each about 12 metres high. We think the wooden pole design give us good opportunity to build the connection in a way that has as little effect on the area as possible.

Route for the new line

We need to find a suitable route for the new electricity distribution line. Feedback from the local community will play an important role in assisting us to establish the final line route. We have carried out a considerable amount of investigatory work to look at and consider the location of communities, heritage features and other sensitive areas.

From these investigations, we have developed a number of proposed routes that seek to either avoid or mitigate impacts on these areas. We now wish to open a consultation to enable people living in the area to have their say about our proposals. This is stage one of a two stage consultation.

We will use your feedback together with our assessments to establish the most appropriate route in order to reinforce the North Shropshire electricity distribution network. Your views really can influence our work, so we strongly encourage you to [take part in this consultation process](#).

Details of the planning process

The North Shropshire reinforcement project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). These are projects which are considered to have national importance, such as rail lines, power stations and electrical connections. As such, the decision on whether to grant consent for them sits with central government, not with the local authority.

The Planning Act 2008 sets out the process for these projects and requires SP Energy Networks to make an application for consent to the Planning Inspectorate. They will review the application and make a recommendation to the relevant Secretary of State, who has the final say in whether to grant consent. The Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change will make the decision on the North Shropshire Reinforcement project.

Consultation is a central part of the Planning Act process so that local communities, the local authority and other relevant groups can influence and take part in the development of proposals prior to application. In addition to this consultation, we will hold another stage in 2017, when there will be further opportunity to have your say.

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Alternative 132,000 volt designs

There are a range of different technologies available for the new line, including steel pylons, heavy duty double wood poles and single wood pole Trident designs.

We also considered placing the new line entirely underground. However, this was discounted due to cost and not being the technically preferred option. Also, overhead lines are not generally considered incompatible in rural areas such as that covered by this project.



Steel pylons
approx. 26m



Heavy duty double wood poles
approx. 15m



Single wood pole Trident
approx. 12m

*Indicative heights, actual heights can vary depending on design requirements.

Wood pole Trident design

Following a review of the available options for this project, we are proposing to use a wood pole Trident design which would comprise mostly single poles. We consider that this design will have less of an impact on the area compared to the others and will provide a better fit within the local landscape.

This design offers more flexibility in how we route the line than the other options, which helps in reducing potential impacts on important sites, communities and properties. A Trident design also assists us in addressing landowner requests when determining the best location for poles on site.

As we develop our proposals the design will include construction areas, about every 5km along the line, and 'cablepulling' points. This is where conductors (the wires that carry the electricity) are strung onto the wood poles by a winch or tractor and tensioner with a mobile elevated platform. Construction access would be via local roads, farm tracks and field gates. Construction vehicles would typically be regular 20 tonne lorries. The installation would have an overall construction phase of approximately six months.

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Why our proposals are needed

The importance of the North Shropshire reinforcement project

The current local electricity distribution network has been supplying North Shropshire with electricity reliably for many years. But with future growth plans in the region planned up to 2026 and beyond, we need to reinforce the network and provide additional capacity.

"These proposals are good news. Shropshire Council has been pressing for investment in North Shropshire infrastructure, including Whitchurch, for a number of years. With the new homes and employment sites proposed, we are going to need the extra power. The North Shropshire reinforcement project will help our area realise its economic ambitions and ensure that we continue to enjoy a reliable electricity supply."

Councillor Steve Charmley, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business and Economy

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Our work so far

Being aware of the need to reinforce the existing electricity distribution network to support increased demand for electricity in the area, we have investigated a number of route options.

It is essential that we determine the most appropriate route for the proposed wood pole line and, in so doing, seek to minimise the impact on the area for landowners and the local communities.

We have undertaken a wide range of assessments to find options that we think best achieve this.

Step one: Where to reinforce the network	During 2015, SP Energy Networks considered a number of alternative overhead line routes from other substations at Legacy and Marchwiell near Wrexham, Crewe and Shrewsbury. These alternatives, however, have been discounted due to technical suitability, costs and potential increased environmental impacts. The route from Oswestry to Wem was considered most suitable.
Step two: Choosing route corridors	<p>In the latter part of 2015 and early 2016, we considered the location of villages and towns, the landscape, cultural heritage and other environmental sensitivities to develop broad route corridors (broad ribbons of land) which we could route the line within.</p> <p>From our initial routing work, 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. We have based our consultation zone on an area around these two route corridors to give local people in this area the opportunity to be involved.</p>
Step three: Identifying line routes	More recently in 2016, we have carried out further work within the overall preferred corridor to identify and then consider alternative line route options. These alternative line routes are 100 metres wide at this stage, which enables flexibility for a more refined design at the next stage of our work. These line routes also include the land needed for constructing the overhead line (such as temporary construction roads and lay-down areas).
Step four: Choosing a preferred line route	We're now consulting with local communities and specialist bodies (such as heritage and environmental groups) to seek their comments on our work and the options, including the preferred option we have identified and associated construction areas. This feedback will help us check the decisions we have made and provide information to develop a detailed design.

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What we need to know from you

Your feedback has an important role to play in establishing the best route for the new line.

We've done lots of work to identify routes and would now like your local knowledge and comments to check the decisions we've made and develop our proposals further.

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

Specifically, we are consulting on:

- The preferred line route in terms of its location and limits
- The likely environmental impacts of the preferred line route and its associated construction works, such as storage areas for equipment i.e. lay-down areas, and transport
- The other line route options that have been considered
- Any other aspects of this project that you think SP Energy Networks should consider
- SP Energy Networks' approach to consultation

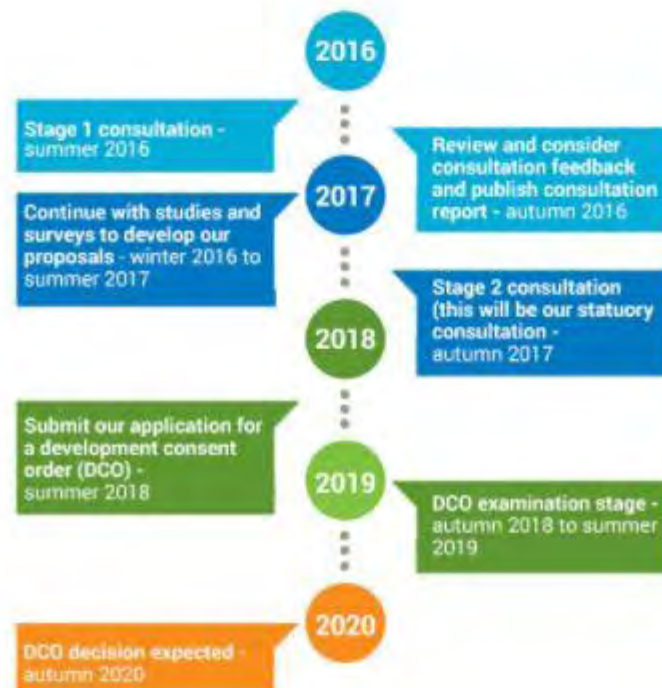
We'd like your comments on all of these things and would appreciate as much detail as you can provide. ([link to our consultation](#))

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Next steps

Using *your feedback* together with our own assessments we can identify a preferred line route that keeps any impacts as low as we can. We will review our proposals in line with the information we receive and develop them further. We will consult again in 2017 to get comments on a detailed design which will include the locations of the poles. This will be a statutory stage of consultation before making an application for planning permission.

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Stage One Consultation has now closed and SP Energy Networks has completed reviewing all the comments made to its proposed investment for installing a new 132kV wood pole overhead line from Oswestry to Wern.

Thank you to everyone who took time to visit one of our public events and / or responded with comments. These comments have resulted in an amended route for the new line – see the revised plan for further details.

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Artist's Impression of how the new line could look.

The work carried out by SP Energy Networks and its advisers in reviewing the consultation responses and line route options is set out in two technical reports:

- [Stage One Consultation Feedback Report November 2016](#) and
- [Updated Line Route Report November 2016](#)

SP Energy Networks will seek to agree rights to construct and then operate and maintain the electricity apparatus installed with relevant landowners and occupiers. More on this is explained in our [newsletter](#).

You can still contact us via our website, email address, FREEPHONE or FREEPOST

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STATUTORY CONSULTATION STAGE NOVEMBER 2017

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.

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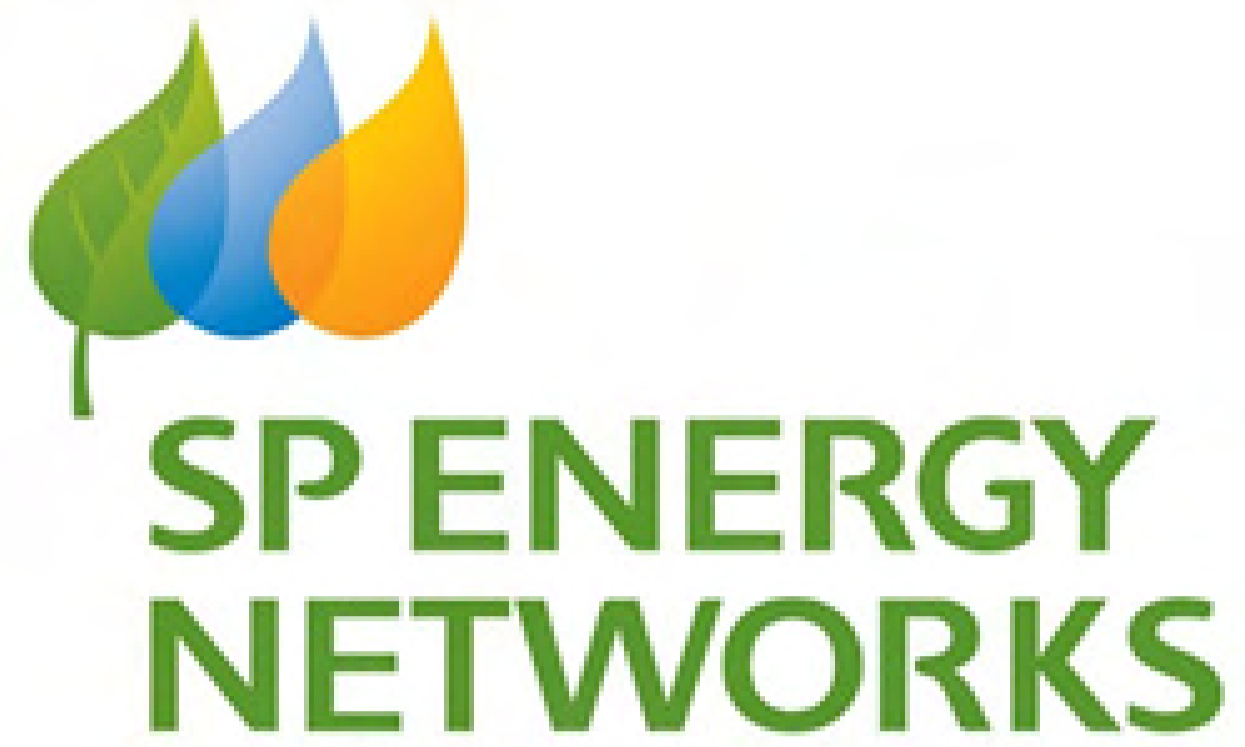
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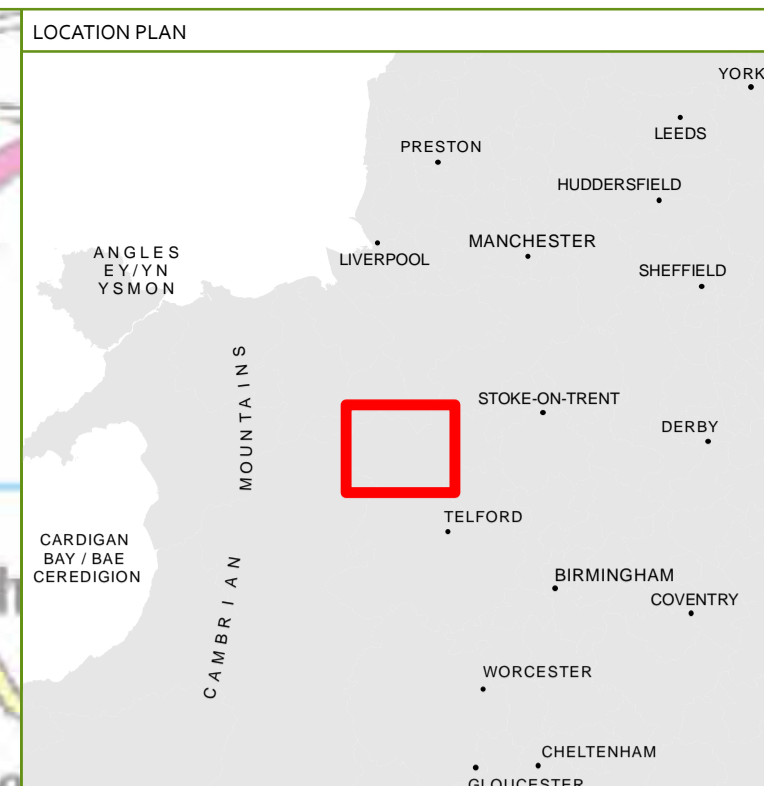
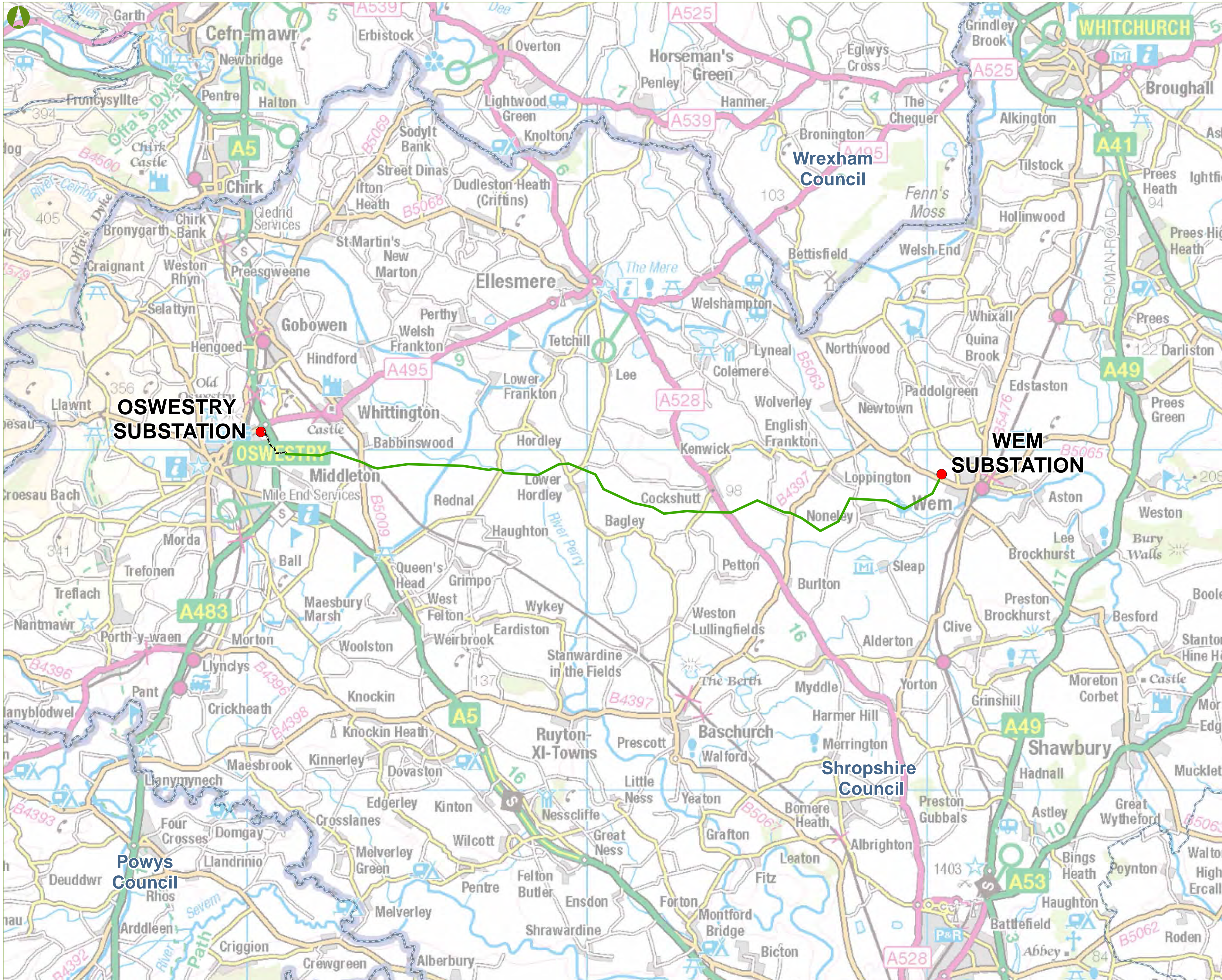
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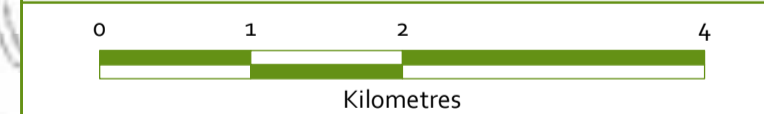
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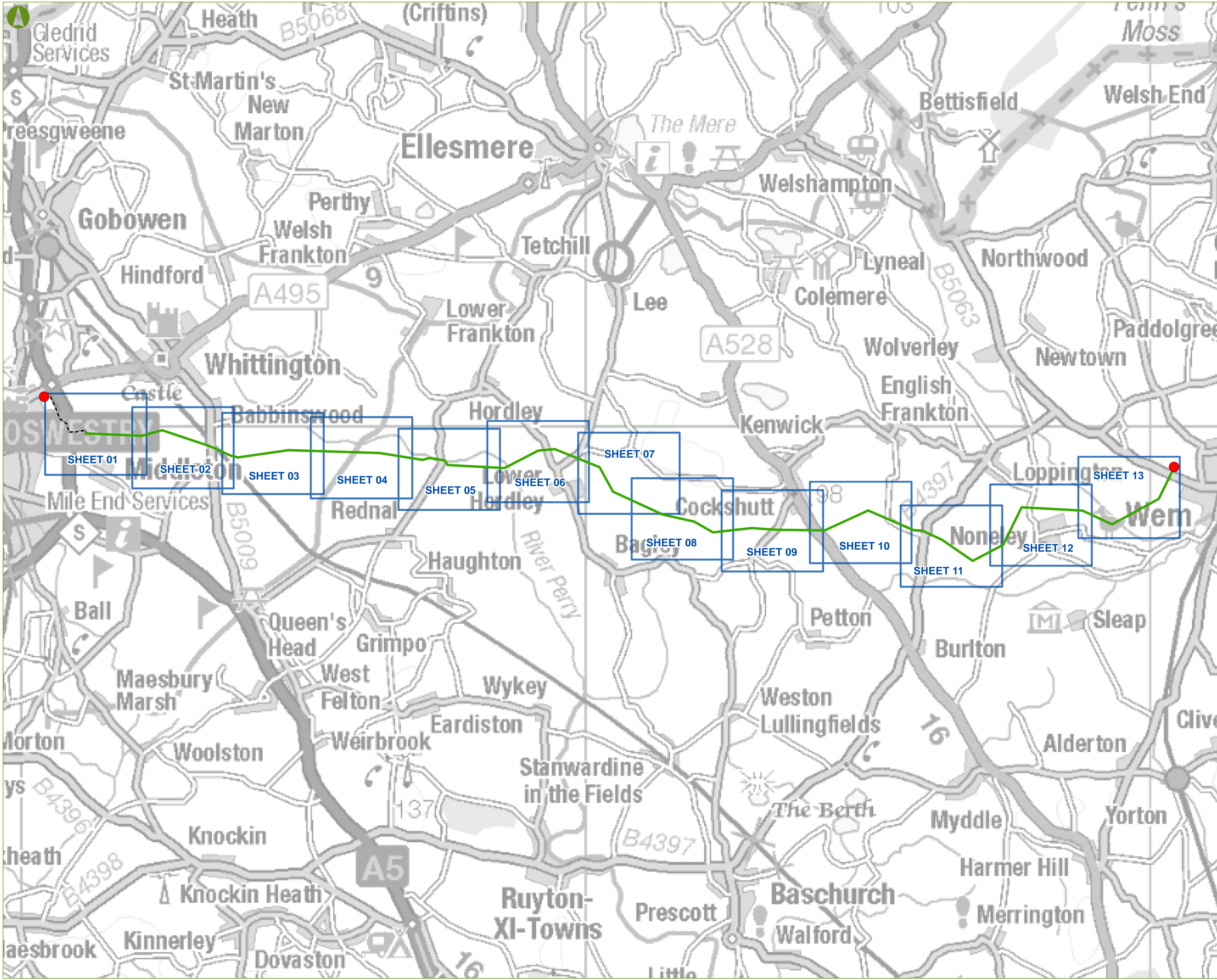
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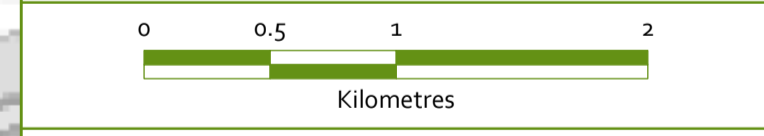
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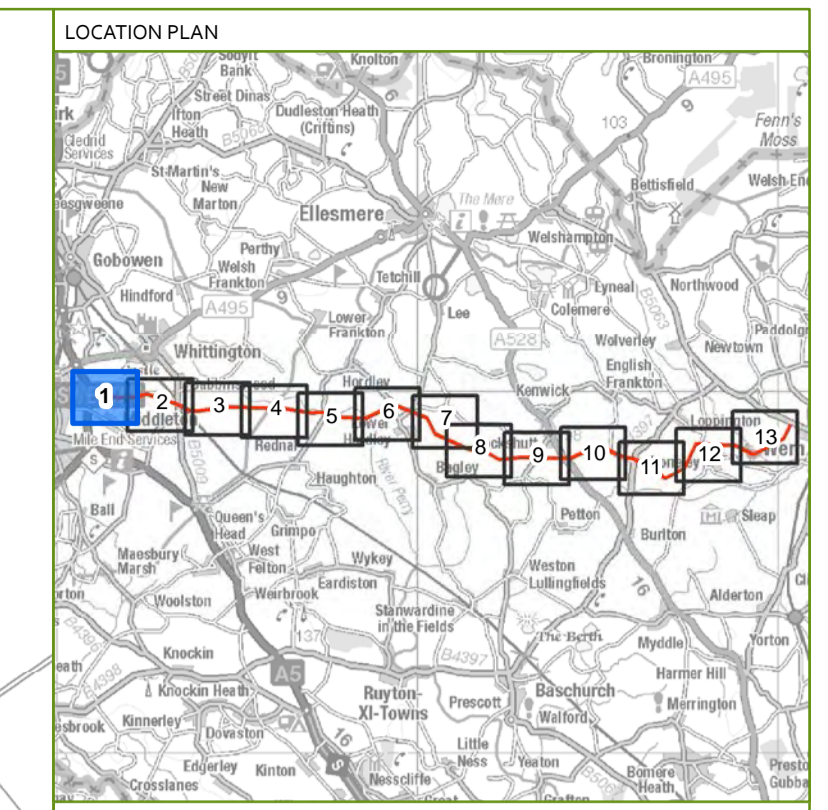
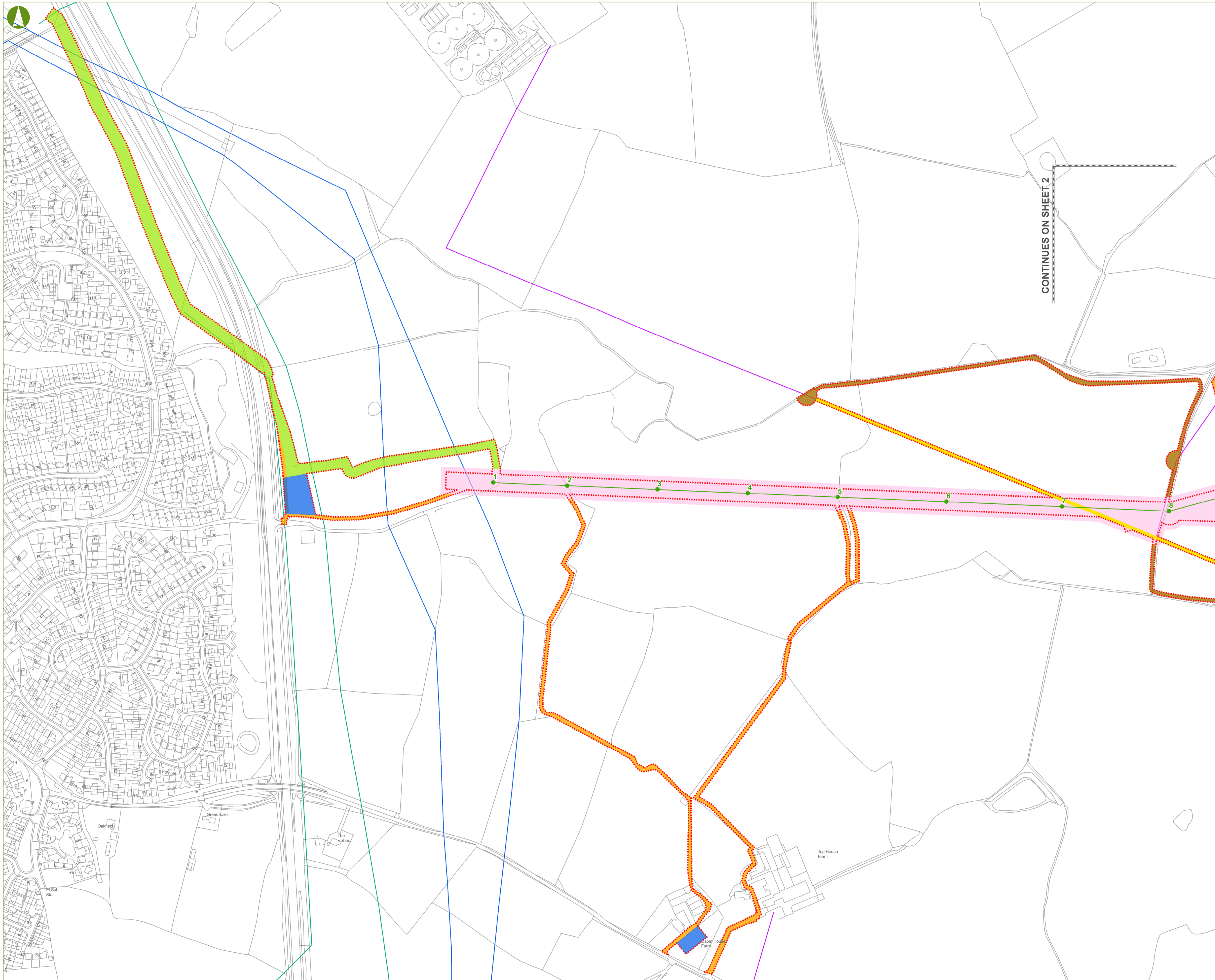
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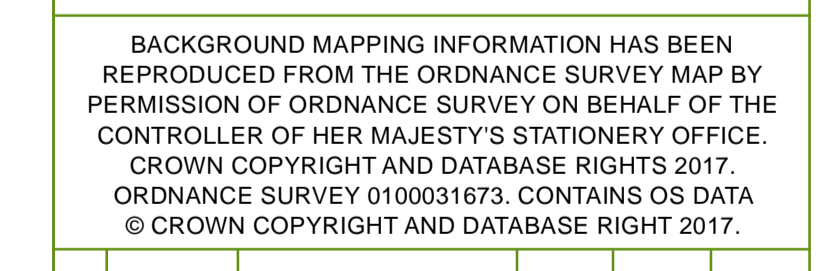
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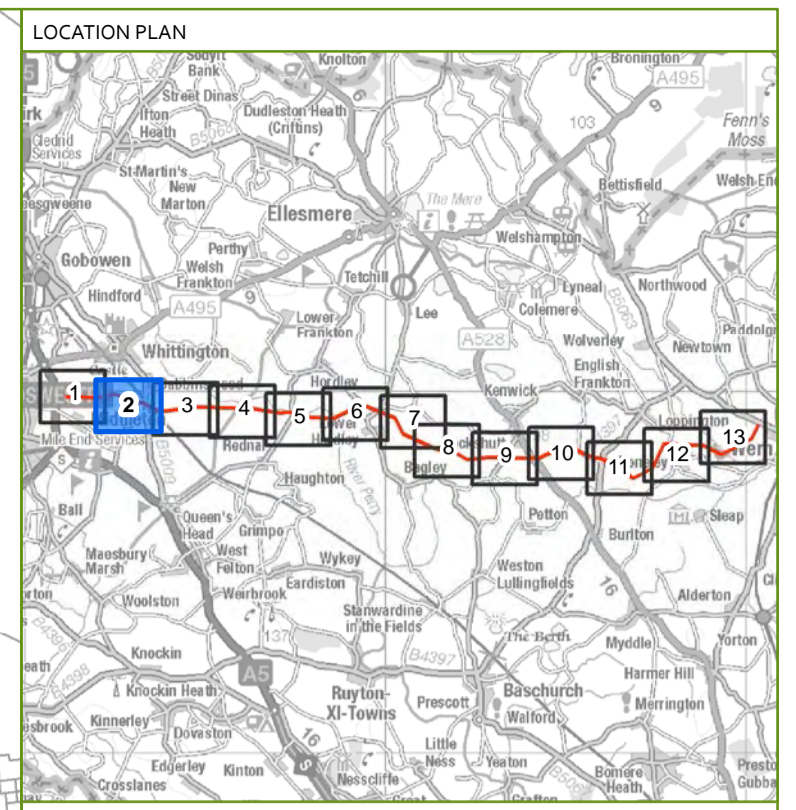
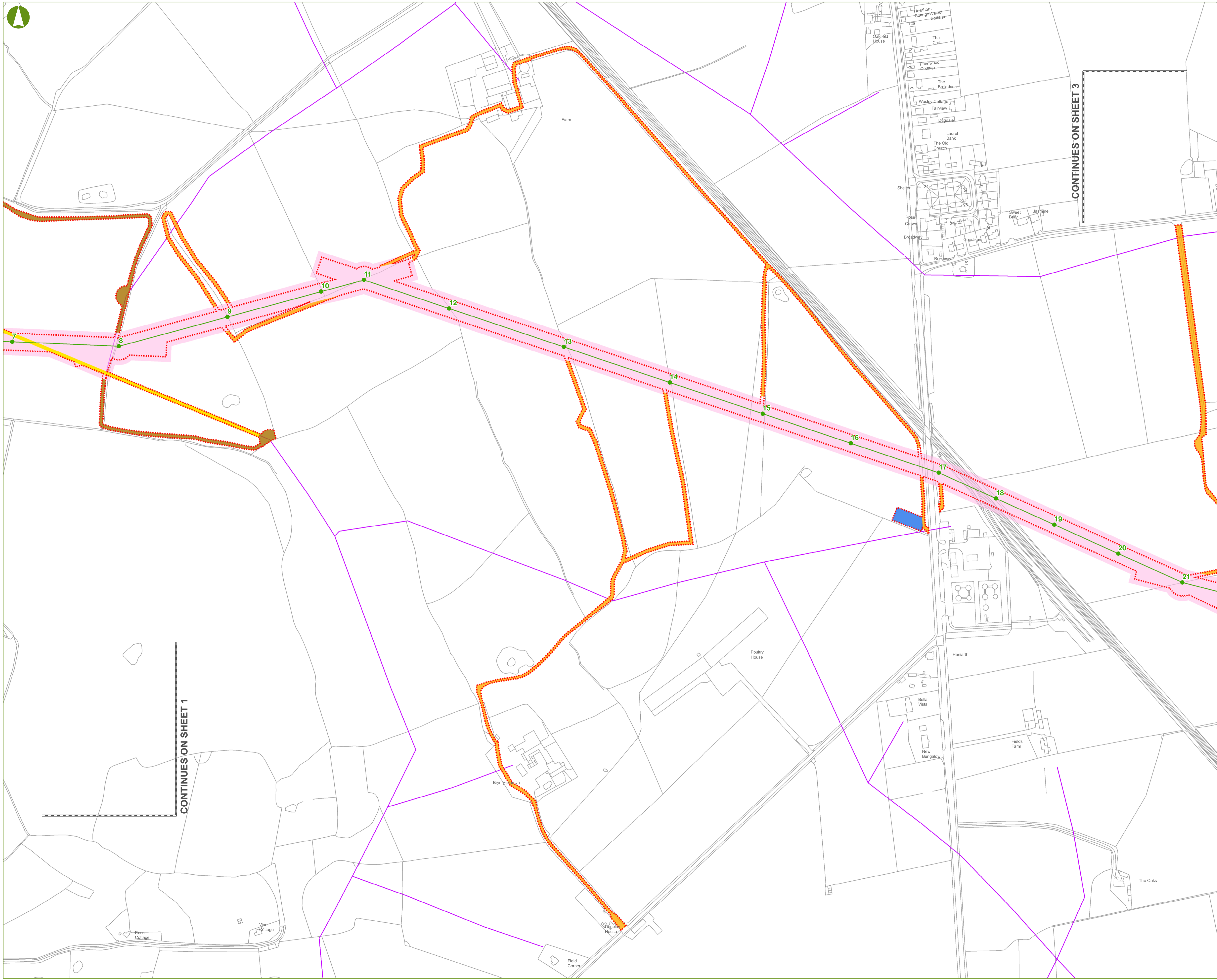
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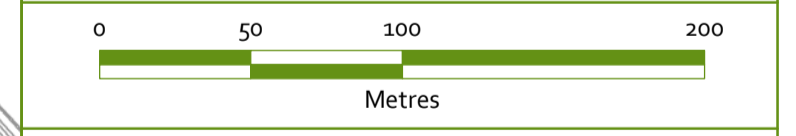
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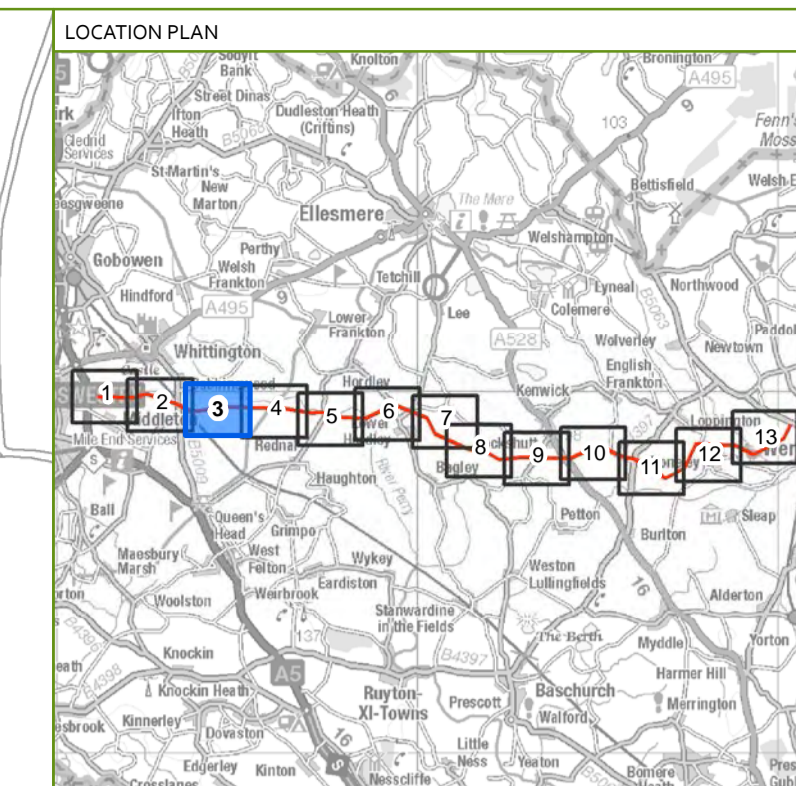
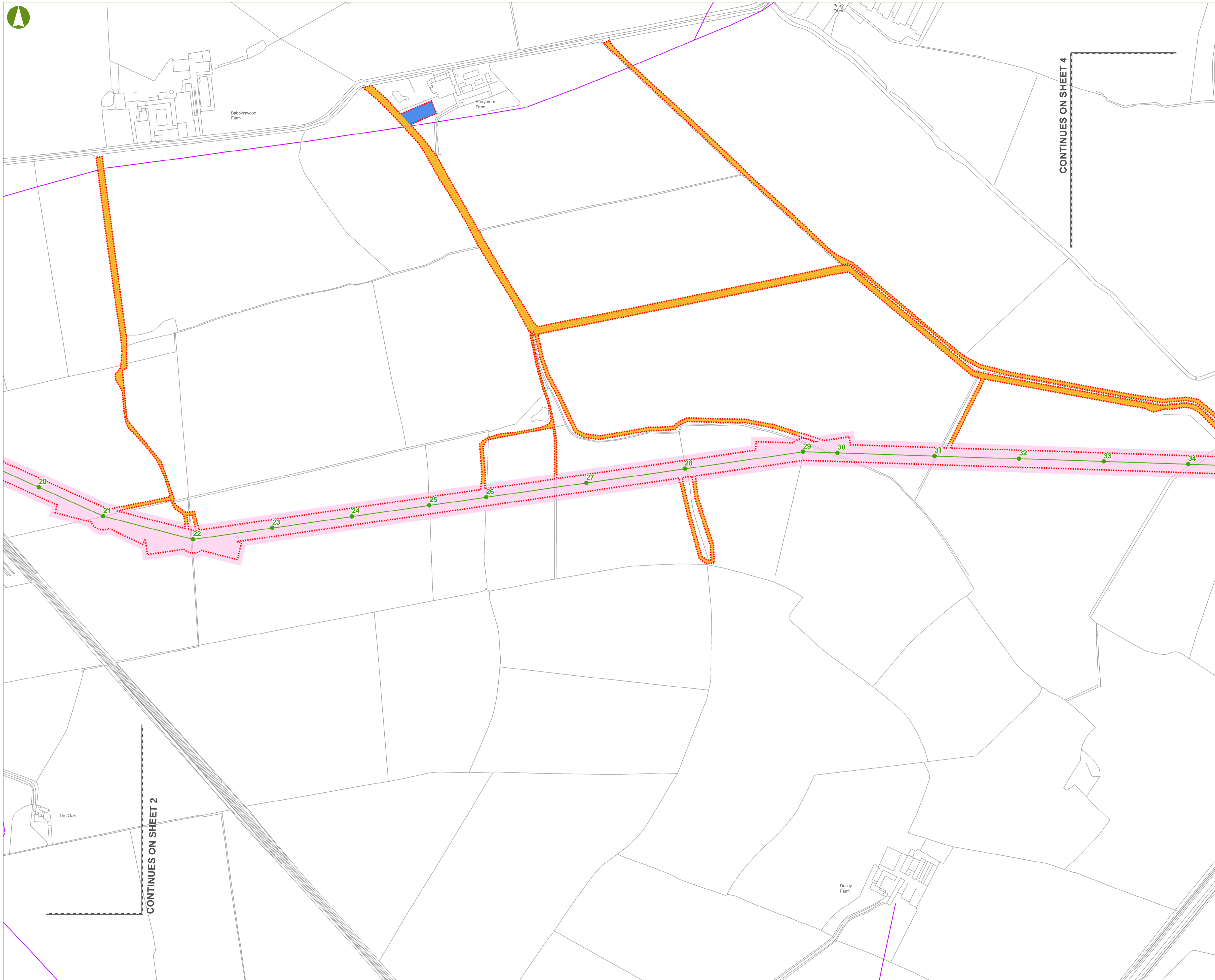
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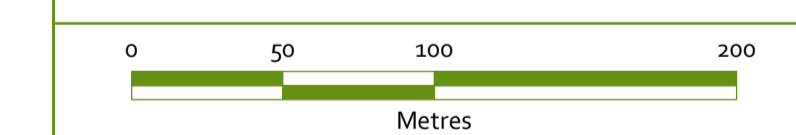
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 - PROPOSED 132 kV UNDERGROUND CABLE
 - SPEN 11 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - SPEN 33 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - SPEN 132 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - NATIONAL GRID 400 kV OVERHEAD LINE
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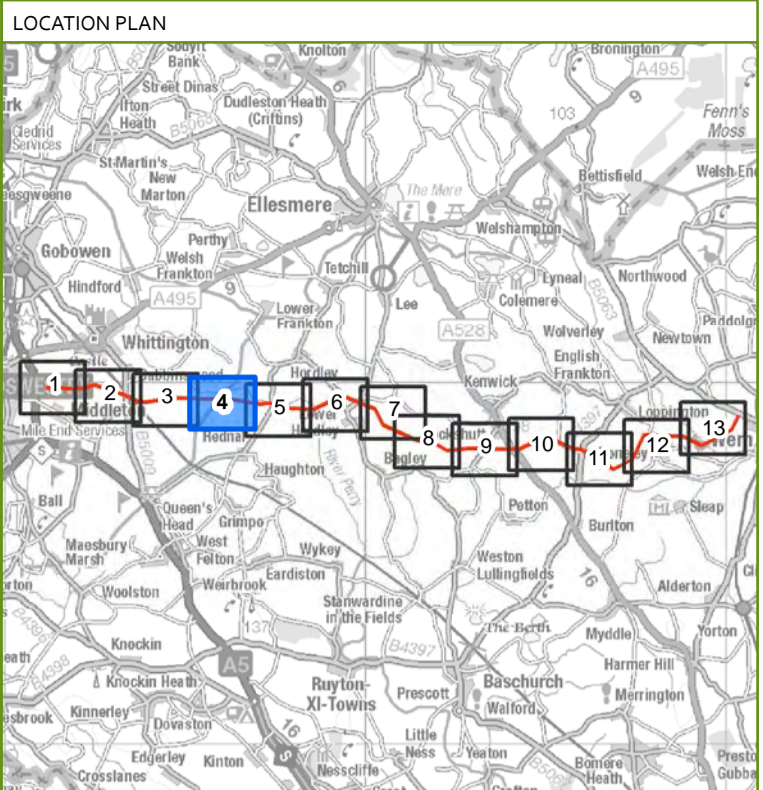
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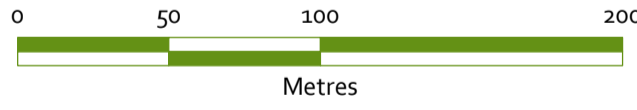
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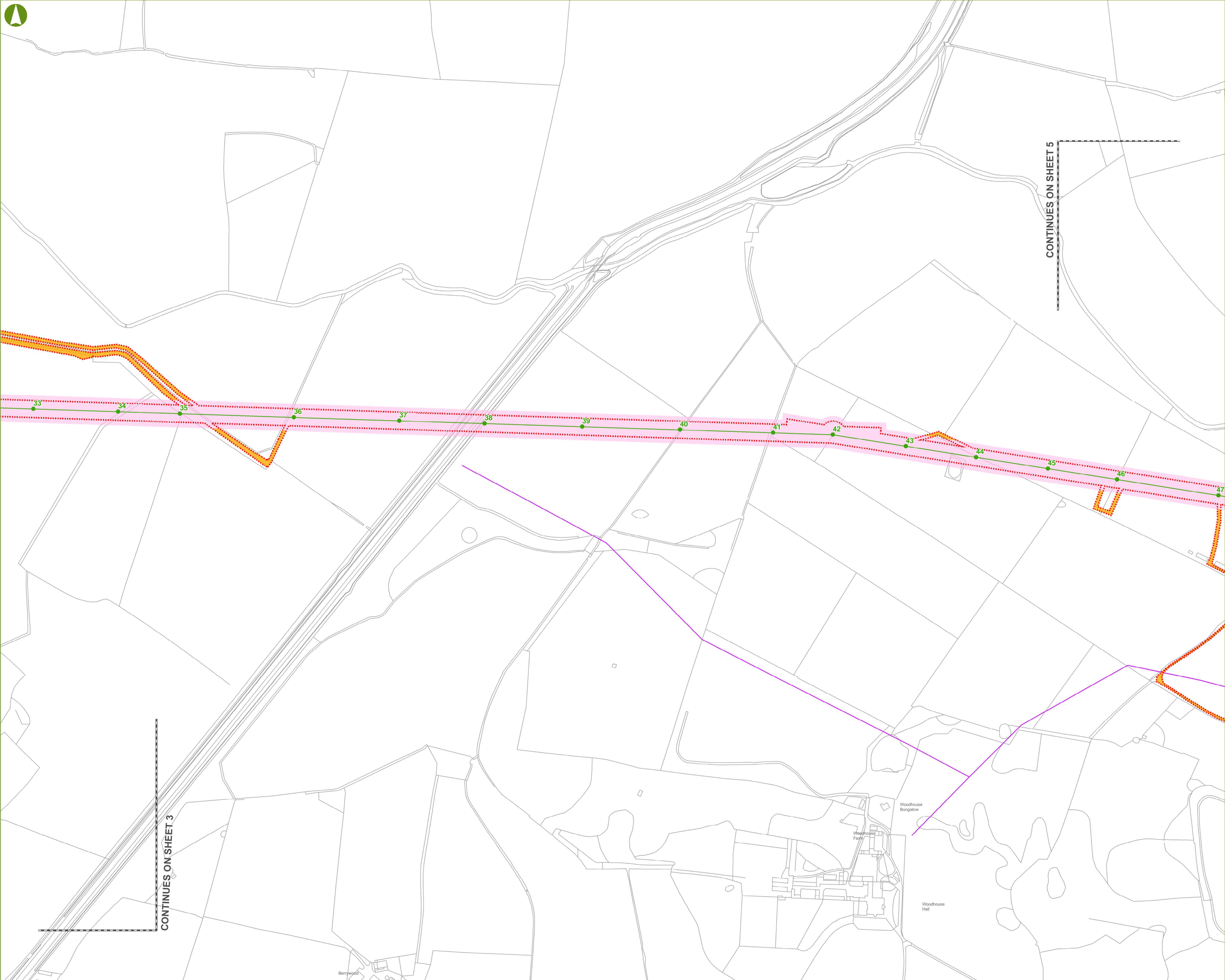
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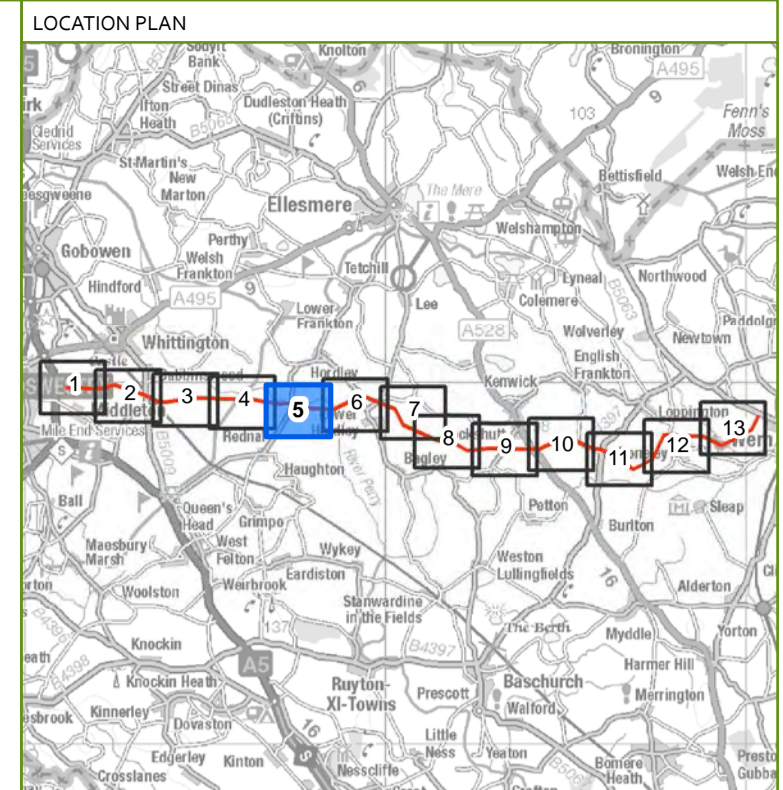
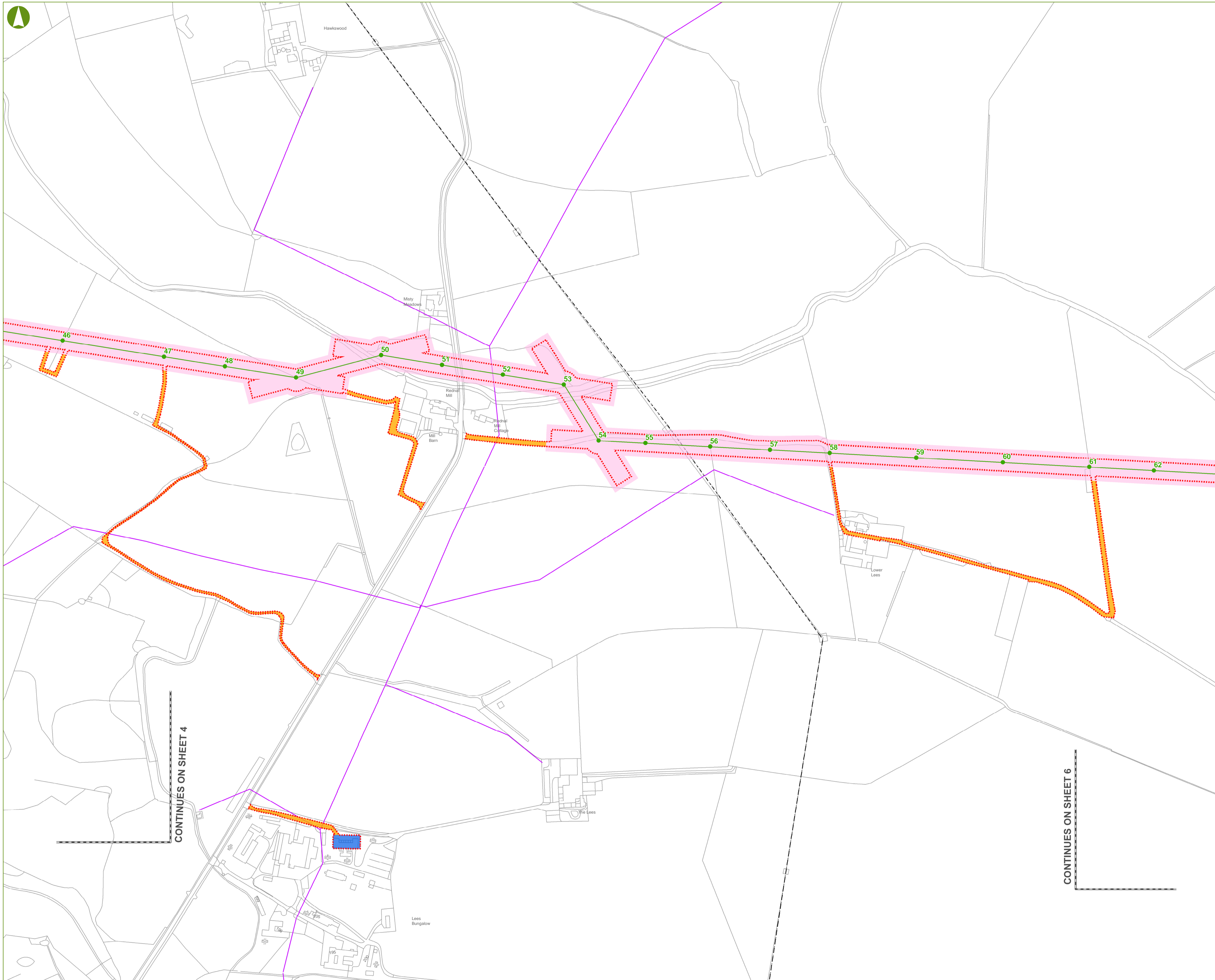


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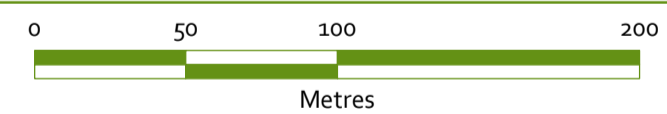
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 - PROPOSED 132 kV UNDERGROUND CABLE
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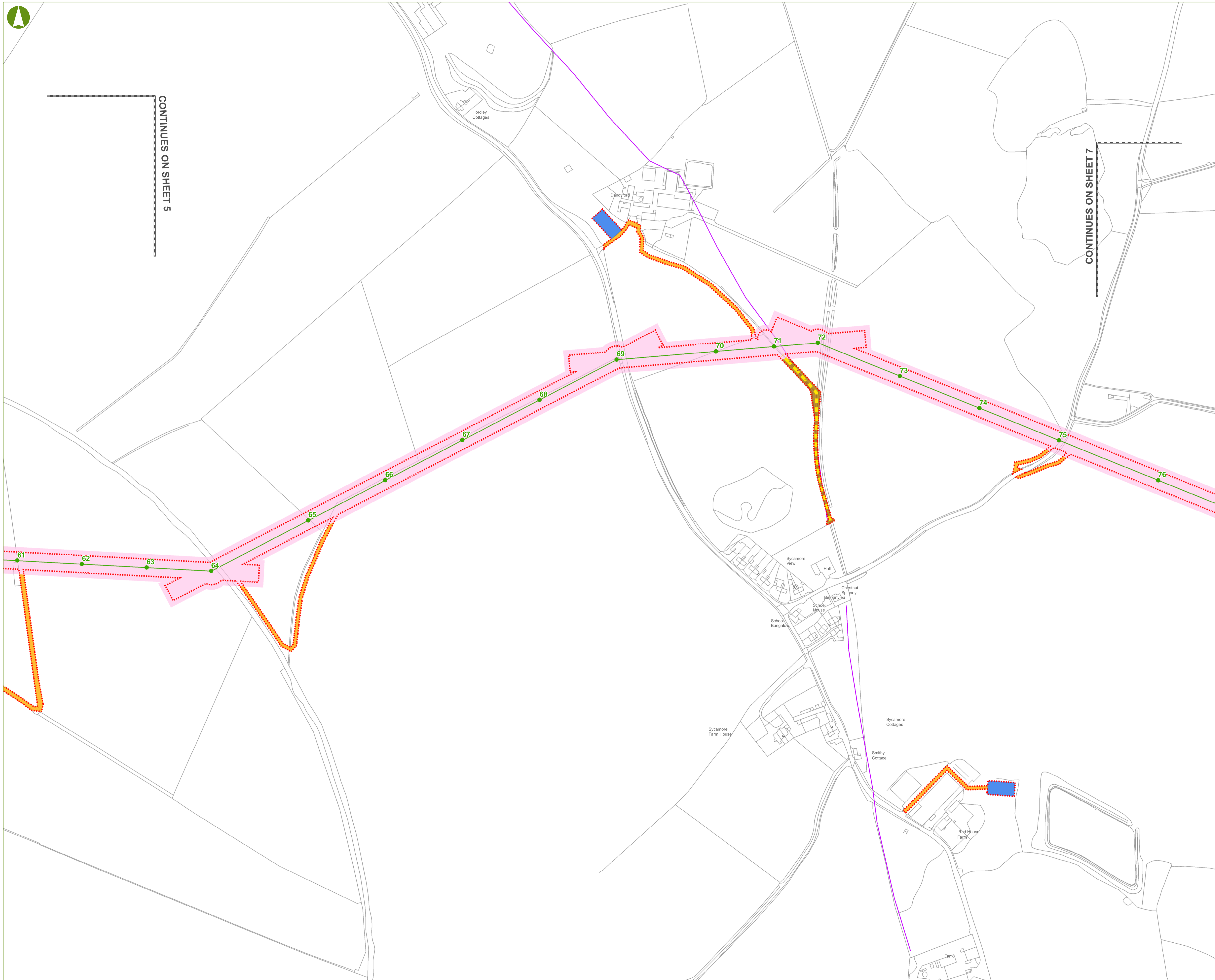
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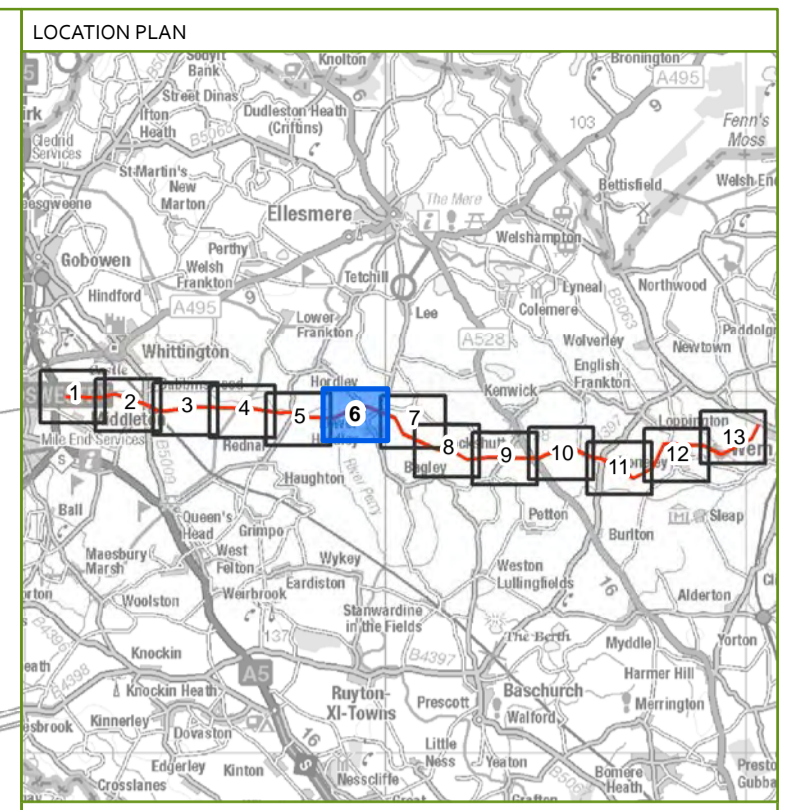
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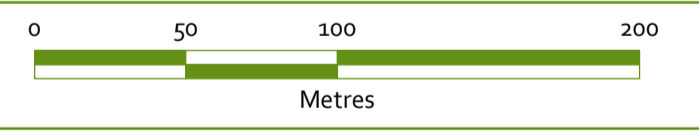
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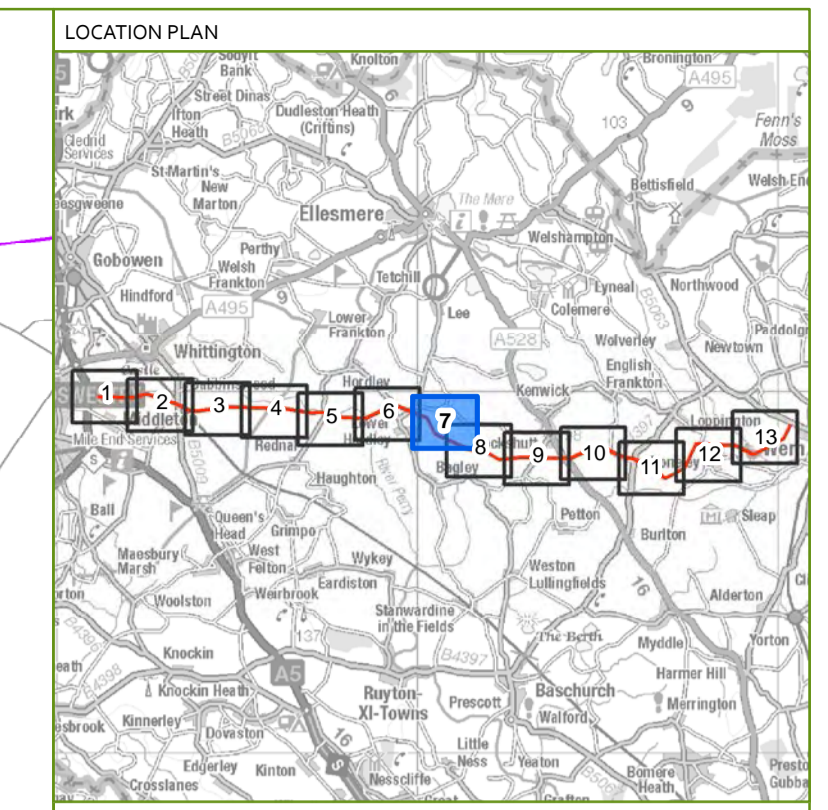
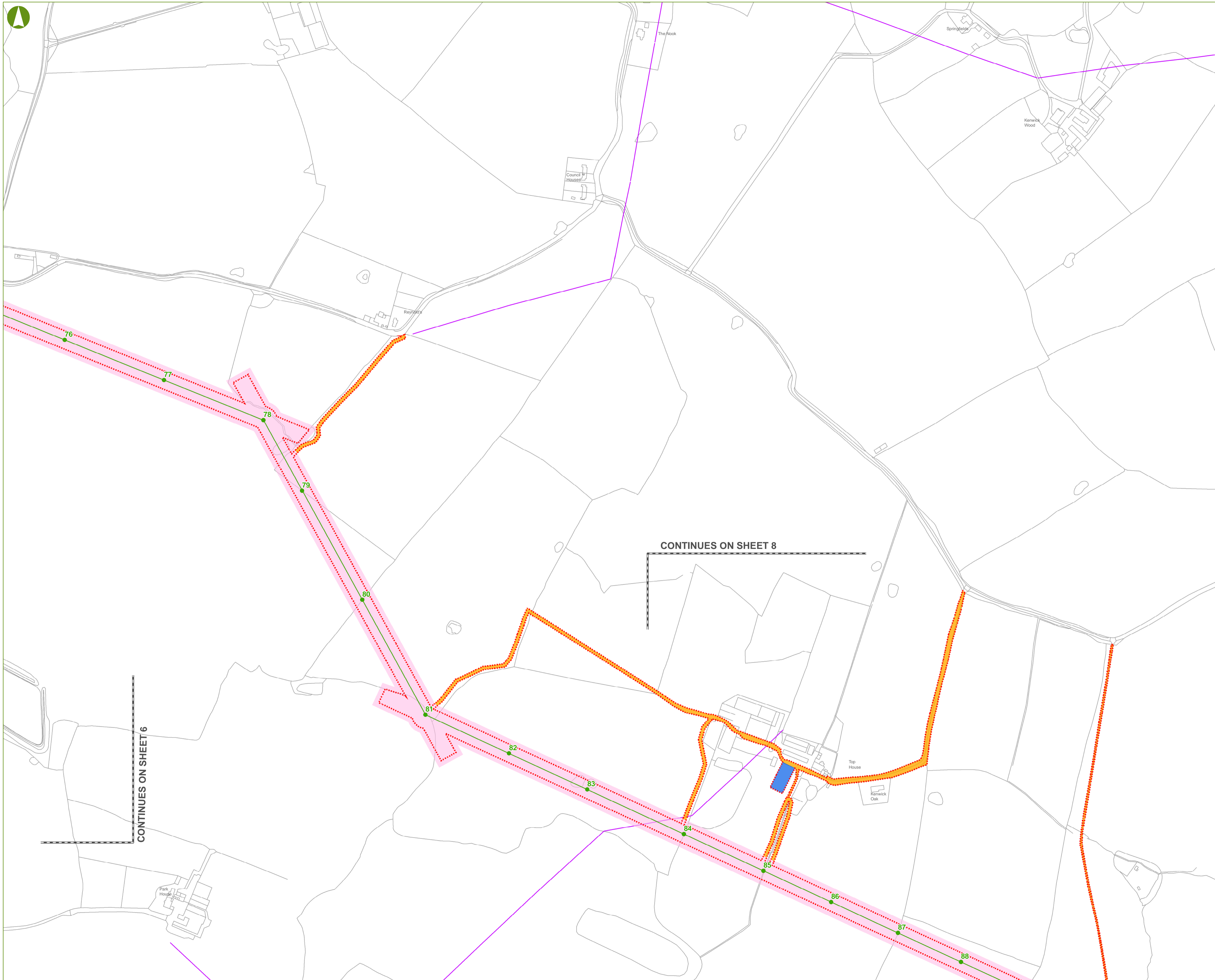
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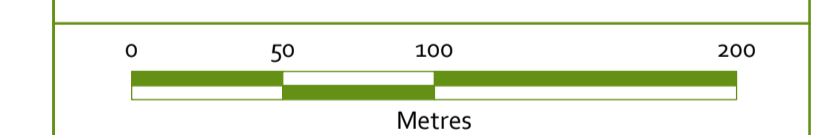
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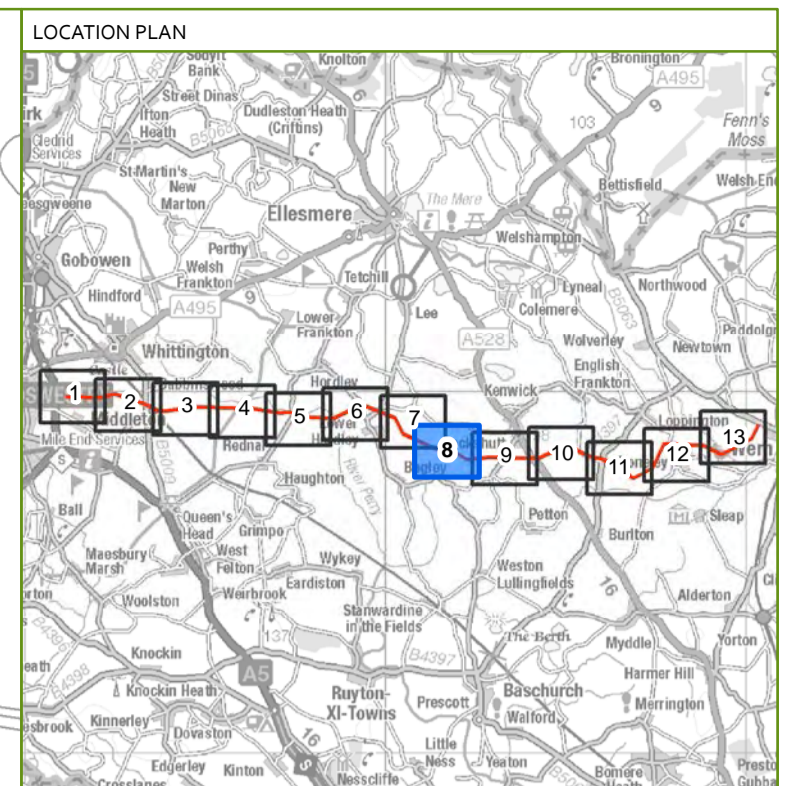
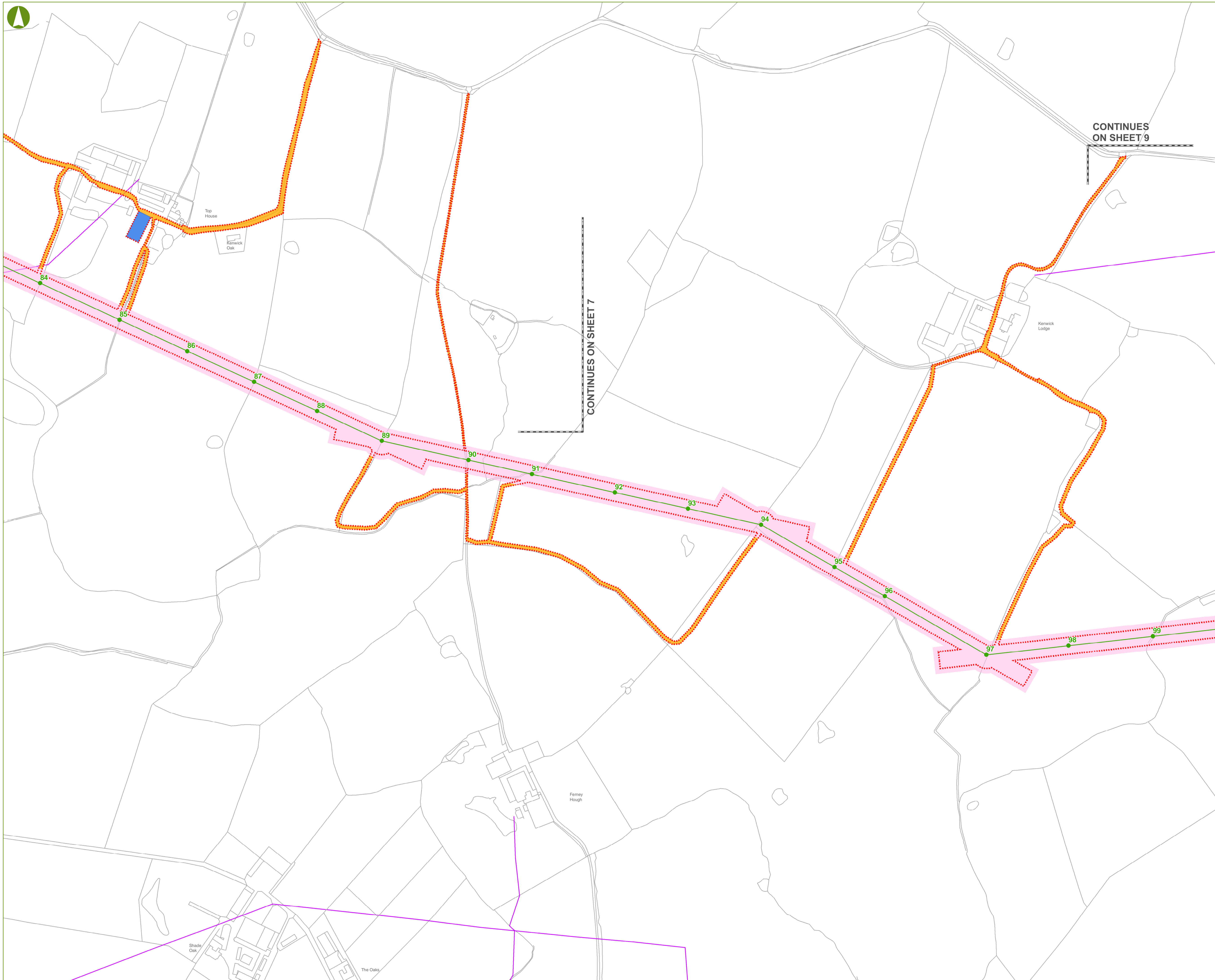
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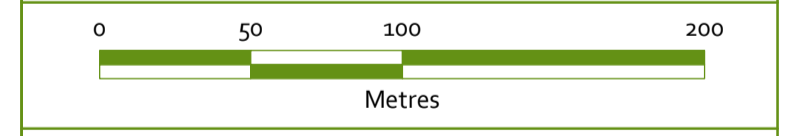
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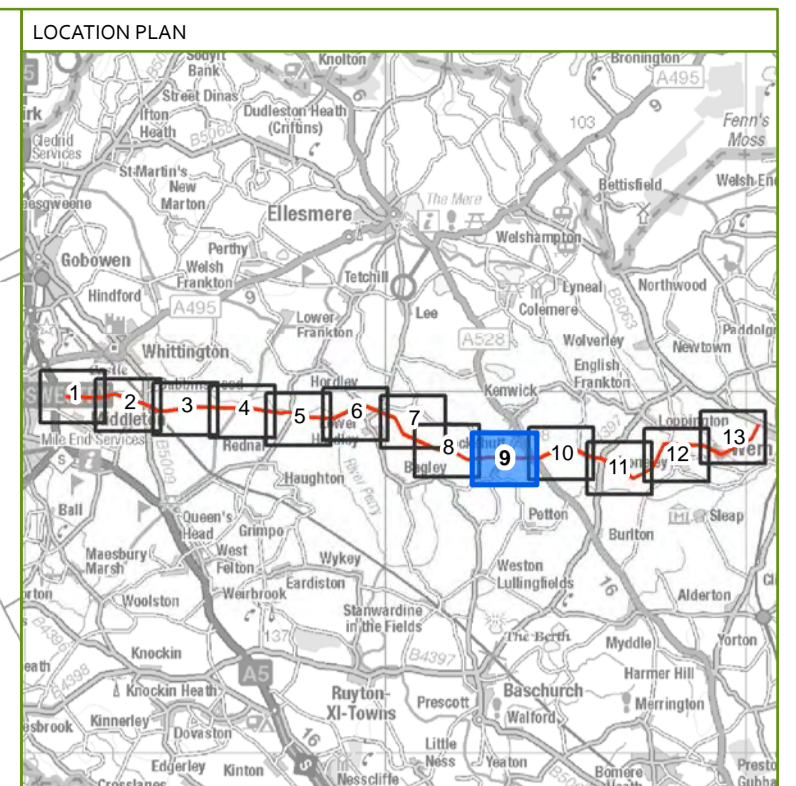
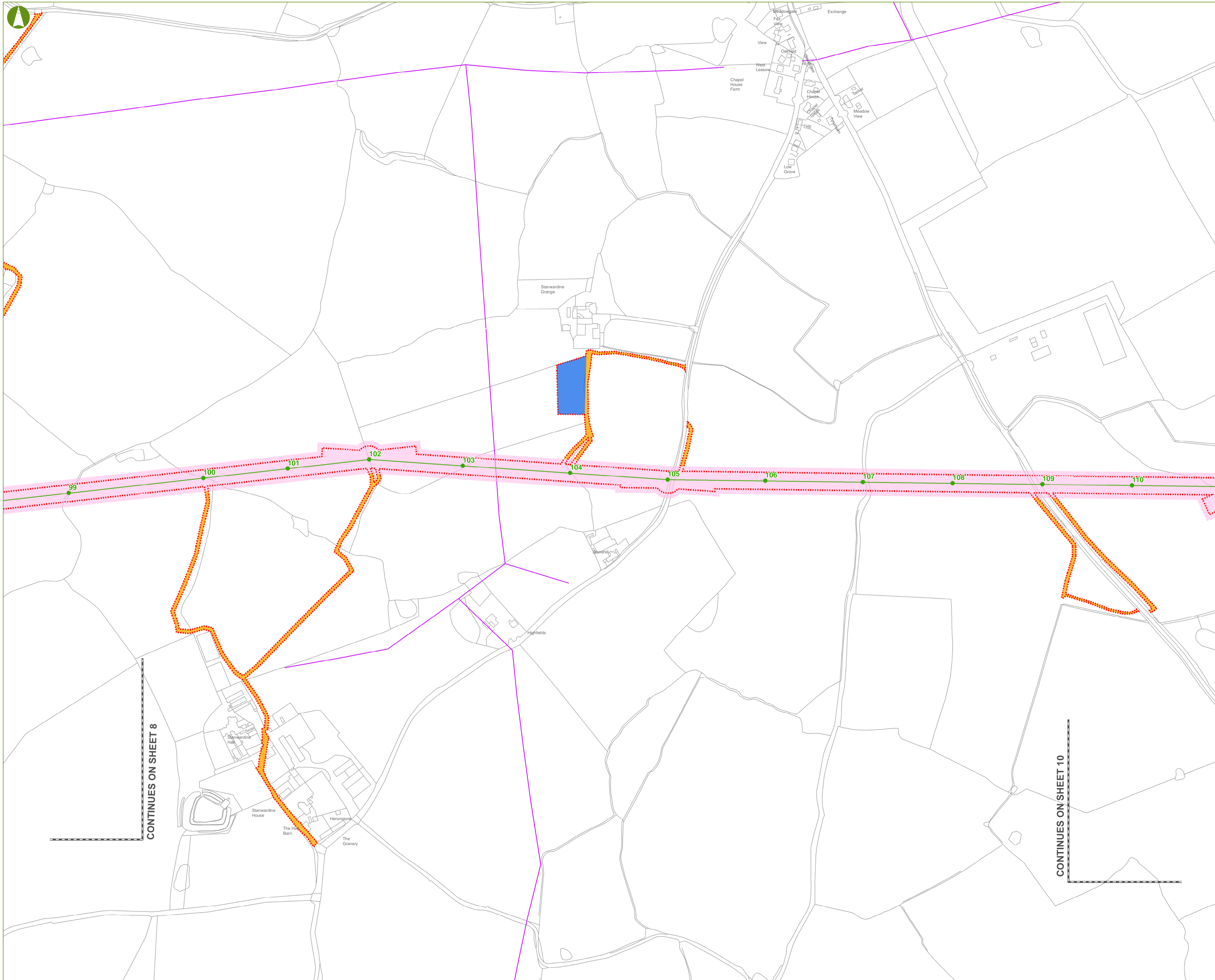
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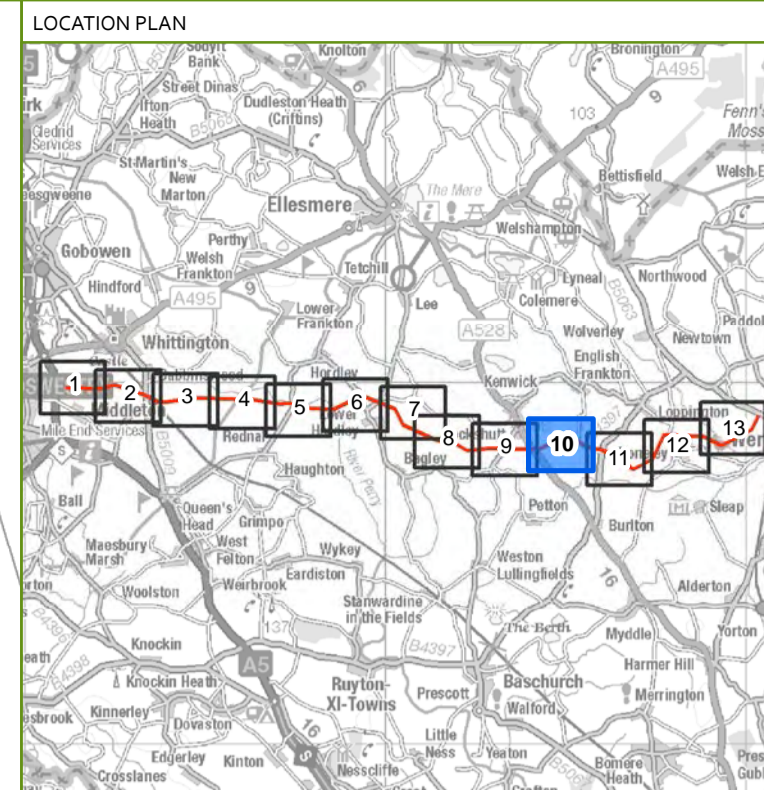
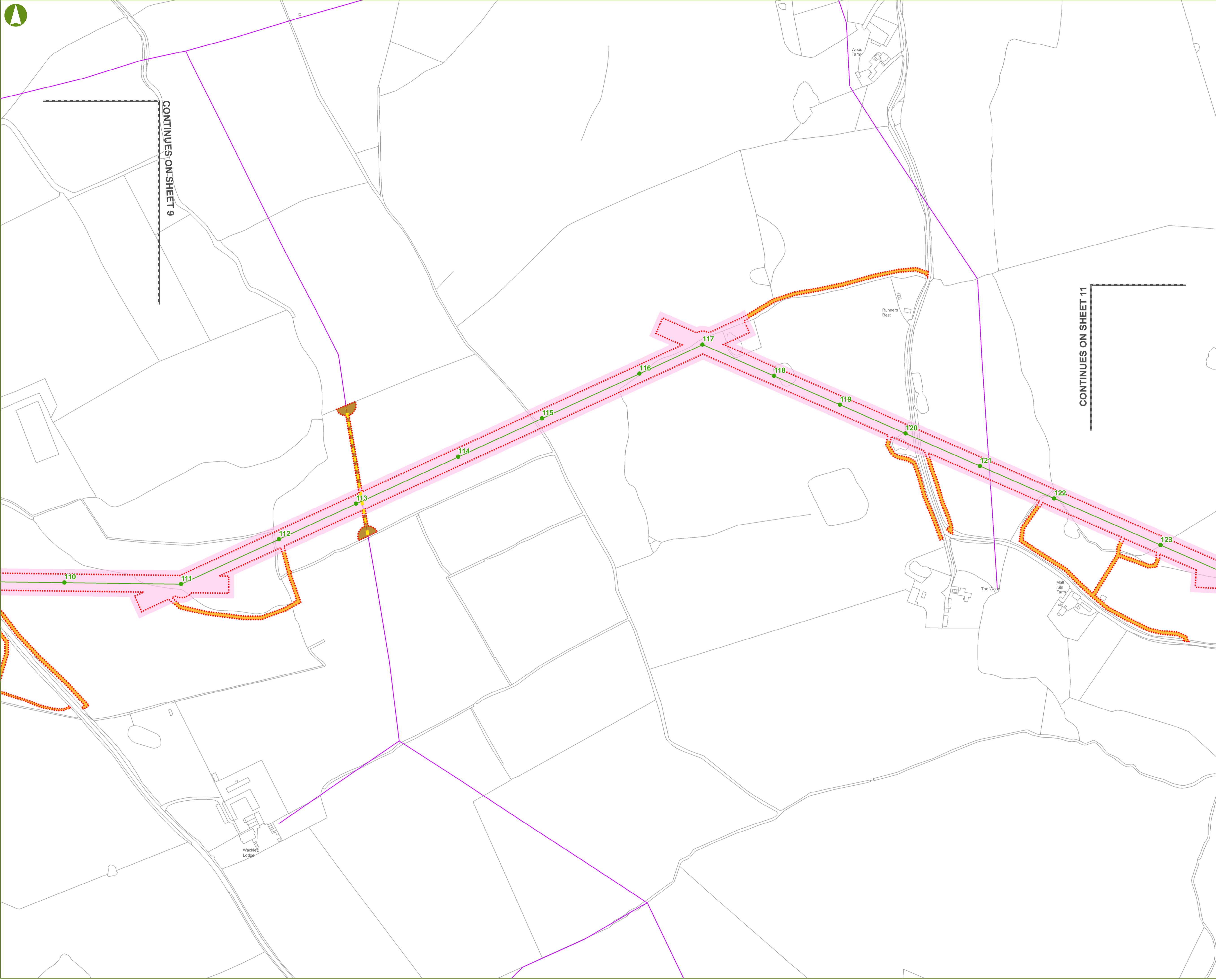
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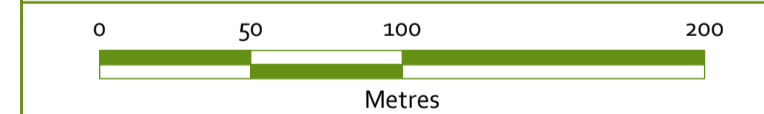
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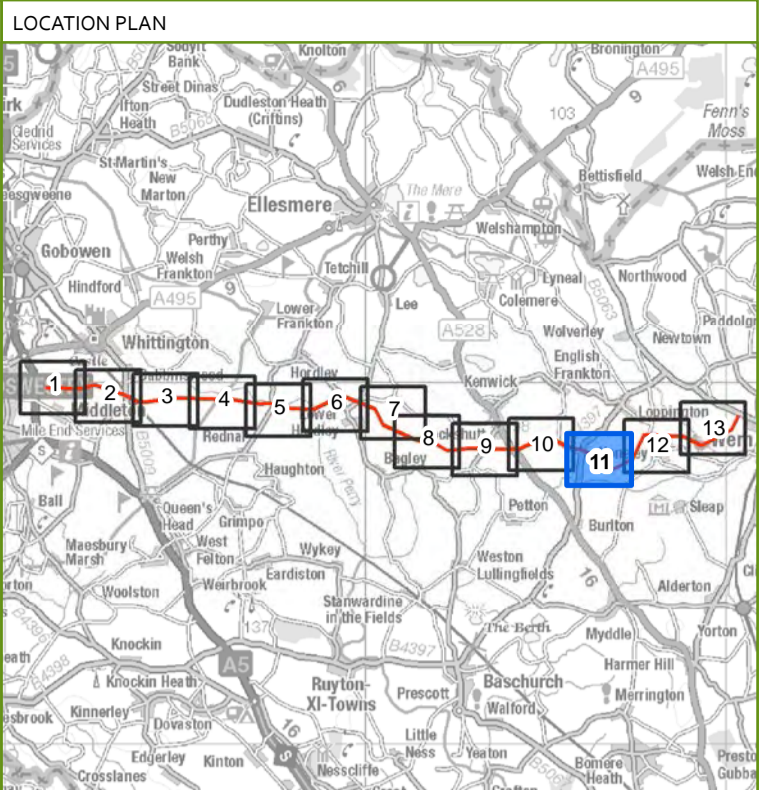
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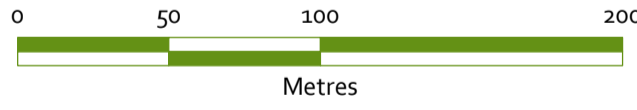
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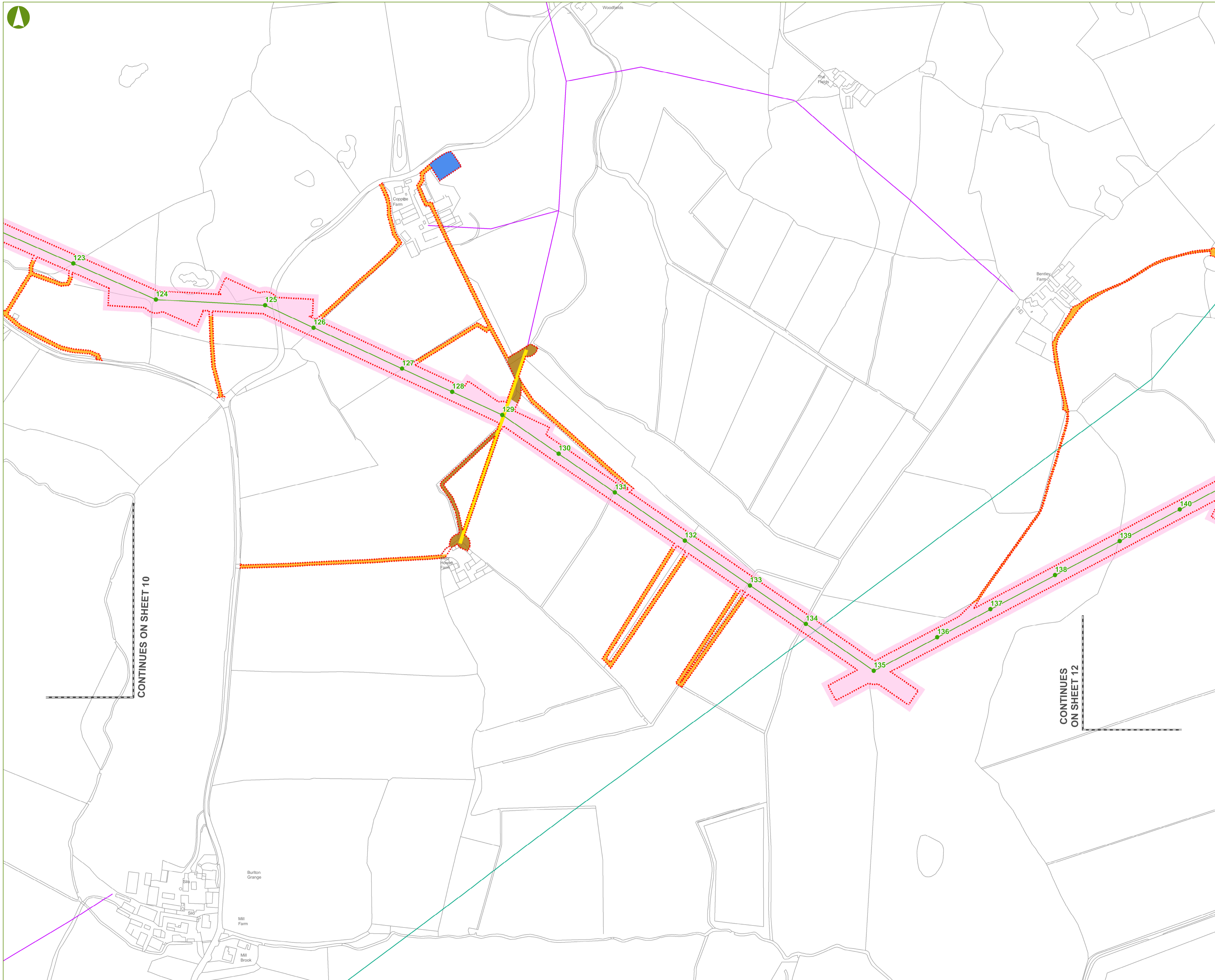
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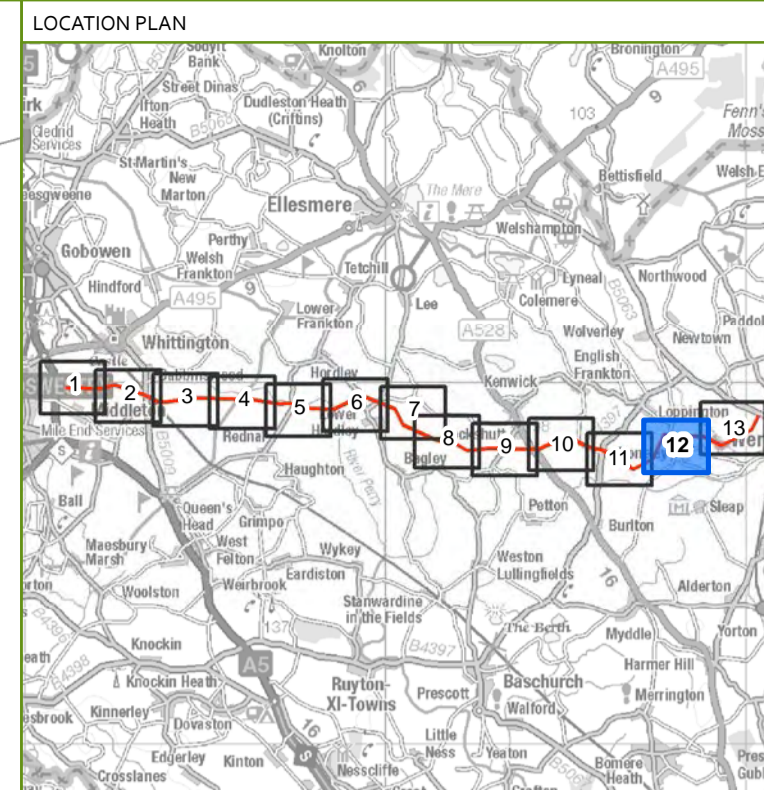
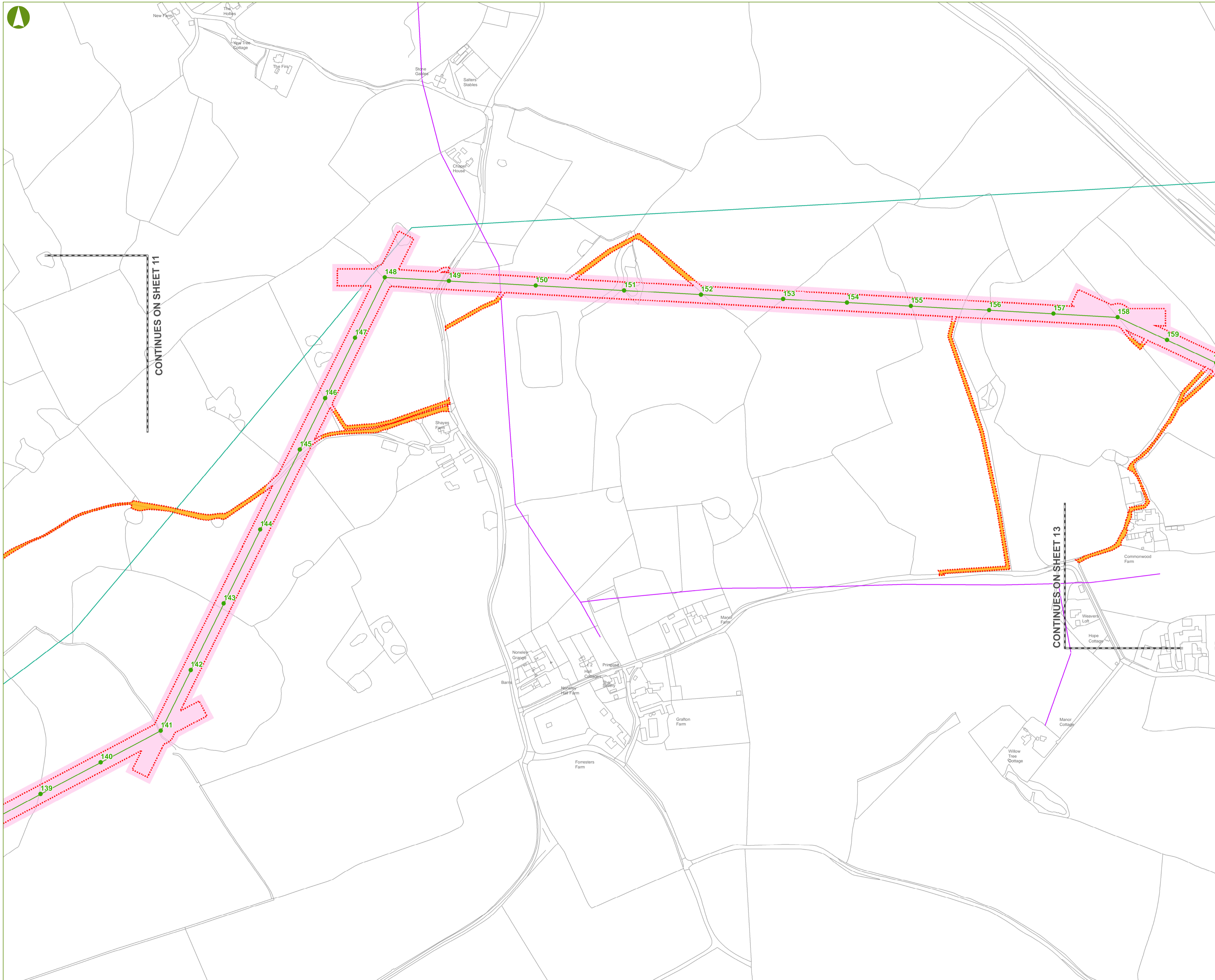
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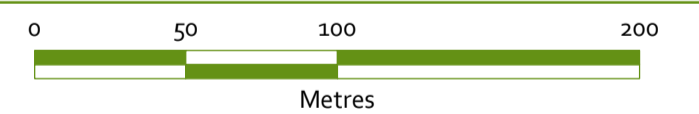
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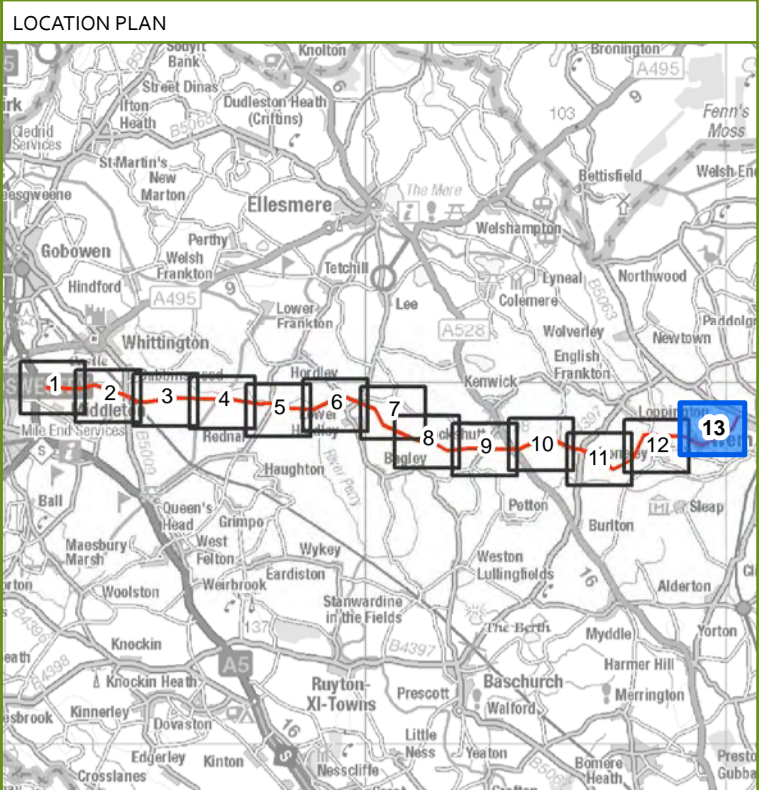
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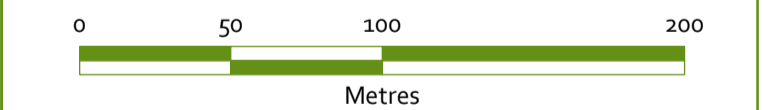
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 - CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS CORRIDOR
 - 40m CONSULTATION BOUNDARY
 - PROPOSED 132 kV UNDERGROUND CABLE
 - SPEN 11 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - SPEN 33 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - SPEN 132 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - NATIONAL GRID 400 kV OVERHEAD LINE
 - EXISTING LOWER VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINE TO BE REMOVED
 - EXISTING LOWER VOLTAGE OVERHEAD LINE TO BE REPLACED WITH NEW UNDERGROUND CABLE ON SAME ALIGNMENT
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**6.12 Document guide which accompanied the
reference packs**

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A guide to our statutory consultation documents

SP Manweb 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.

This reference pack contains the following documents that have been published in support of the statutory consultation, providing more detail on the proposed development.

Community documents

1 Project Update Four, Winter 2017/18

Presents updated plans of the proposed development, details of our previous work and where to find out more information.

2 Feedback form

This questionnaire provides an easy way for people to record and submit their feedback.

Technical reports

1 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.

2 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.

3 Preliminary Environmental Information Report

Sets out the results of initial environmental surveys and our approach to assessing potential environmental effects of the proposed development.

- a. Report
- b. A4 Appendices
- c. A3 Appendices
- d. Figures
- e. Non-technical summary

4 1: 2,500 Works Plans

Detailed, large scale plans showing the proposed development.

5 Statement of Community Consultation

Sets out how we're undertaking this statutory stage of consultation.

All our previous technical and community materials, including from our stage one consultation, are available on our website (spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire) or on request from our community relations team on 0800 804 4666.

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**6.13 Exhibition panels used at the consultation
events at the statutory stage**

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Welcome to our consultation

Reinforcement to North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network



The new 132,000 Volt electrical circuit between Oswestry and Wem will reinforce the local network to support Shropshire Council's plans for growth and development in North Shropshire.

Our latest proposals take account of the many helpful comments we had in our first consultation in 2016, and our conversations with communities and landowners this year. 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 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.

This is your opportunity to let us know if there are any ways we can improve the proposed development and reduce any remaining effects.

If you have any questions, please just ask a member of the team.

Thank you for taking part.

What you can view today

- Project Update Four
- Statement of Community Consultation
- Feedback form
- Updated Line Route Report 2
- Updated Strategic Options Report
- Preliminary Environmental Information Report
- Detailed large-scale maps
- Images of what our work could look like

All these materials are also on our website:

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire



How we've developed the preferred line route

The preferred line route we've put forward at this consultation is the result of several stages of work over the last two years.

Thank you to everyone for the feedback you've given us since 2016.

2015

Identifying route options

During 2015, we considered a number of alternative overhead line routes from other substations at Legacy and Marchwiell near Wrexham, Crewe and Shrewsbury, as well as Oswestry.

We considered the location of villages and towns, the landscape, cultural heritage and other environmental sensitivities to develop **broad route corridors**. We identified two route corridors from Oswestry to Wem, each up to 1km wide.

We then identified a **preferred route corridor** and carried out work within this corridor to consider alternative line route options. These 100 metre wide alternative line route options enabled flexibility for a more refined design.

2016

Choosing a preferred line route

In summer 2016, we identified our **preferred line route**, which included options in some places, and held a first stage of consultation with local people and stakeholders. We reviewed the feedback to assess the options and see whether there was a need to refine the route.

2017

Refining the preferred line route

In 2017, we published a revised preferred line route, including looking closely at options at Woodhouse Estate, Hordley and Noneley. We continued conversations with landowners and communities and undertook detailed assessment work.

Discussions with landowners

We've carried out detailed conversations with people with an interest in land about the proposed development. This has helped us understand how the land is used and informed how we've developed our 25 metre works corridor and temporary construction plans.

Our **Updated Line Route Report 2** provides a detailed explanation of how we have developed the proposed development.

2017/18

Consultation on proposed development

The proposed development takes account of the many helpful comments we have received in our conversations with communities and landowners since 2016. We hope people continue to help influence this important reinforcement of the North Shropshire electricity network.

More information on our previous work

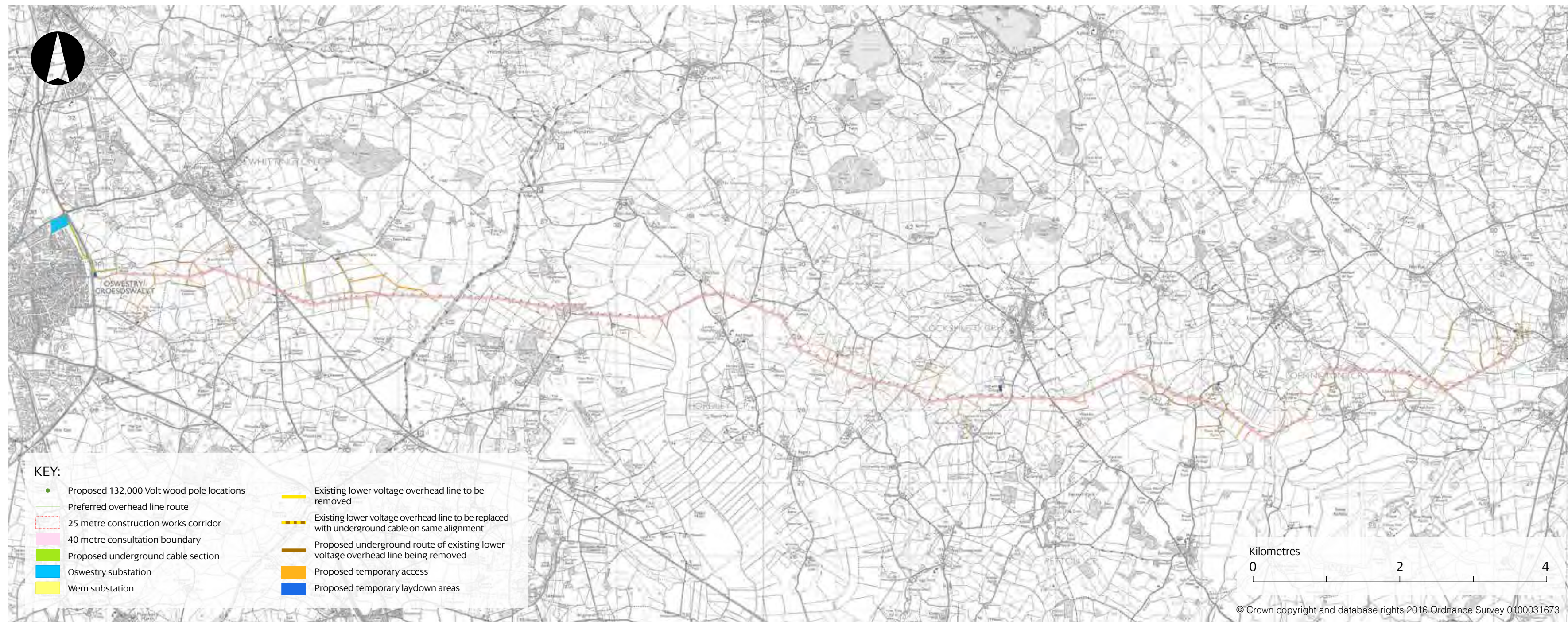
All our previous work can be found in our past technical documents (listed opposite), which are available today and on our website:

www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire

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

- Line Route Report, June 2016
- Strategic Options Report, May 2016
- Route Corridor Options Report, June 2016
- Stage One Consultation Feedback Report, November 2016
- Updated Line Route Report, November 2016

The preferred line route and associated development

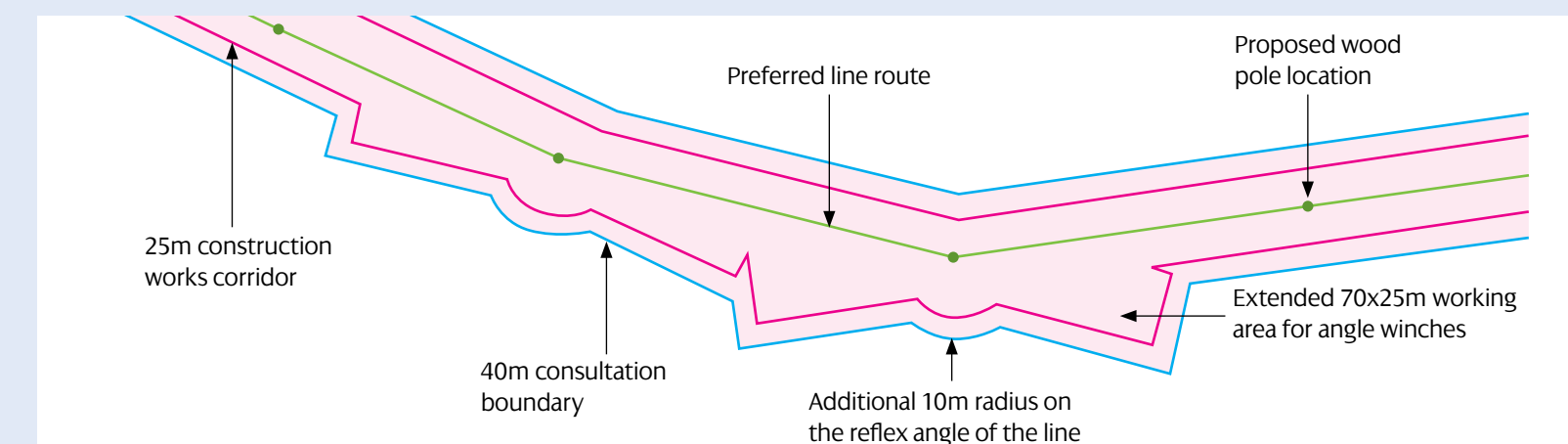


Consultation boundary

We have identified a 25 metre construction works corridor along the line route.

For the purposes of this consultation, we've extended the 25 metre 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 consultation.



Wood pole Trident

- An average height of 12 metres – about the same as a mature tree
- Offers good flexibility when establishing a route for the line
- Assists us in addressing landowner requests when determining individual pole locations

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, east of the A5, has also been designated for business growth and we want to have as little impact on this as possible.

The cables would be buried in a trench approximately one metre deep, with any land affected 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

We've identified preferred locations for around 176 wood poles, with an average height of 12 metres, along an indicative overhead line route.

We've carried out technical surveys to see where there may be effects on the environment or local properties. 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 own 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.

Temporary works and using the local road network

Construction of the electrical circuit would take about 12 months to complete.

Typical construction equipment will include an excavator, 4x4 vehicles and equipment for winching and working at height.

We'll be using our existing depot near Maesbury Road Industrial Estate in Oswestry as our main construction compound.

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

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

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.

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.

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, including plans to put short sections of existing lower voltage lines underground.



Your comments are important

This is your opportunity to let us know if there are any ways we can improve the proposed development and reduce any remaining effects. 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.

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

You can provide your comments on the proposed development in the following ways:

- Pick up a feedback form at today's event and hand it to a member of the team or post it to our freepost address **FREEPOST SPEN NSR**
- Fill in a feedback form online at www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/north_shropshire
- **Write to us** at our freepost address FREEPOST SPEN NSR
- **Email us** at enquiries@spennorthshropshire.co.uk

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY 2 FEBRUARY 2018

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/>



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**6.14 Locations sent consultation posters at the
statutory consultation**

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Organisation	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Address 5	Post Code
Oswestry Heritage and Exhibition Centre	2 Church Terrace	Oswestry				SY11 2TE
Mile End Golf Club	Shrewsbury Road	Morda	Oswestry			SY11 4JJ
Oswestry Golf Club	Queen's Head	Oswestry				SY11 4JJ
The Castle Hotel	14 High Street	Wem				SY4 5AA
Poplars Farm Bed and Breakfast	Bagley	Ellesmere				SY12 8BZ
One Stop convenience store	Cabin Lane	Oswestry	Shropshire			SY11 2LQ
Oakwood Veterinary Centre	Whittington	Oswestry	Shropshire			SY11 4PF
Cockshutt Post Office	Shrewsbury Road	Cockshutt	Ellesmere			SY12 0JE
Loppington Post Office	Shrewsbury					SY4 5SE
The Co-operative Food	High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5NY
Wem and Prees Medical Practice	New Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5AF
Wem Train Station	Wem	Shrewsbury				SY4 5AZ
Whittington Post Office	3 Station Road	Whittington	Oswestry			SY11 4DA
Whittington Chippy	10A/Station Road	Whittington	Oswestry			SY11 4DA
The Oswestry Railway Centre	The Cambrian Railways Society Ltd	Oswald Road	Oswestry	Shropshire		SY11 1RE
Efes Pizza and Kebab	79 High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5DR
The Fox	High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5TT
Pearl Dragon	36 High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5DG
Wem's Kitchen	27 High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5DG
The White Lion	1 High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5DR
Ye Olde Boote Inn	Boot Street	Whittington	Oswestry			SY11 4DF
Whittington Sub Post Office	3 Station Road	Whittington	Oswestry			SY11 4DA
Shropshire Aero Club	Sleap Airfield	Harmer Hill	Shrewsbury	Shropshire		SY4 3HE
George's Fish and Chips Takeaway	33-35 High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5DG
Jade House	Morris Shopping Centre	High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury		SY4 5NY
Mythstories Museum	Aston Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5AU
Old Rectory Hotel	Lowe Hill Road	Wem				SY4 5UA
The Leaking Tap	31 Shrewsbury Road	Cockshutt	Ellesmere			SY12 0JH
Dickin Arms	Loppington	Shrewsbury				SY4 5SR
The Queens Head	Queen's Head	Oswestry				SY11 4EB
Shropshire Sculpture Park	A5	Morda	Oswestry			SY11 4JH
The Highwayman	Shrewsbury Road	Oswestry				SY11 2RT
Oswestry Leisure Centre	Shrewsbury Road	Oswestry				SY11 4QB
Arry's Plaice	2 The Ct	West Felton	Oswestry			SY11 2LQ
Cabin Lane Church	The Whole Life Christian Centre	Cabin Lane	Oswestry			SY11 2LQ
Ellesmere, Hordley St Mary the Virgin Church	Hordley	Ellesmere	Shropshire			SY12 9BB
Saint Simon and St Jude Church	29 Shrewsbury Road	Cockshutt	Ellesmere			SY12 0JH
St Peter and St Paul Parish Church	High Street	Wem				SY4 5DP
Wem Methodist United Reformed Church	Wem	Shrewsbury				SY4 5DA
St Michael and All Angels Church	59 Noneley Road	Loppington	Shrewsbury			SY4 5SQ
Whittington Community Centre	Station Road	Whittington				SY11 4DA
Hordley and Bagley Village Hall	Lower Hordley	Ellesmere	Shropshire			SY12 9BQ
Cockshutt Memorial Hall	Ellesmere					SY12 0JQ
Eastern Oswestry Community Centre	Cabin Lane	Oswestry	Shropshire			SY11 2LQ
Wem Town Hall	28-32 High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5DG
Wem Town Council Offices	Edinburgh House	New Street	Wem			SY4 5DB
Whitchurch Library	High Street	Whitchurch				SY13 1AX
Shropshire Council Planning Department	Shirehall	Abbey Foregate	Shrewsbury			SY2 6ND
Wem Library	High Street	Wem	Shrewsbury			SY4 5AA
Oswestry Library	Arthur Street	Oswestry				SY11 1JN
Ellesmere Library	Fullwood House	Victoria Street	Ellesmere			SY12 0AA
Whitchurch Library	High Street	Whitchurch				SY13 1AX
East Oswestry Community Centre	Oswestry	Shropshire				SY11 2LQ
Cockshutt C of E Primary School	Shrewsbury Road	Cockshutt	Ellesmere			SY12 0JE
Wem Sports and Social Club	Butler Sports Centre	Bowens Field	Wem			SY4 5AP
Whittington CEA Primary School	Station Road	Whittington	Oswestry			SY1 4DA
Oswestry Rotary Club	The Wynnstay Hotel	Church Street	Oswestry	Shropshire		SY11 2XS
Shropshire Women's Institute	9 Park Plaza	Shrewsbury				SY1 3AF

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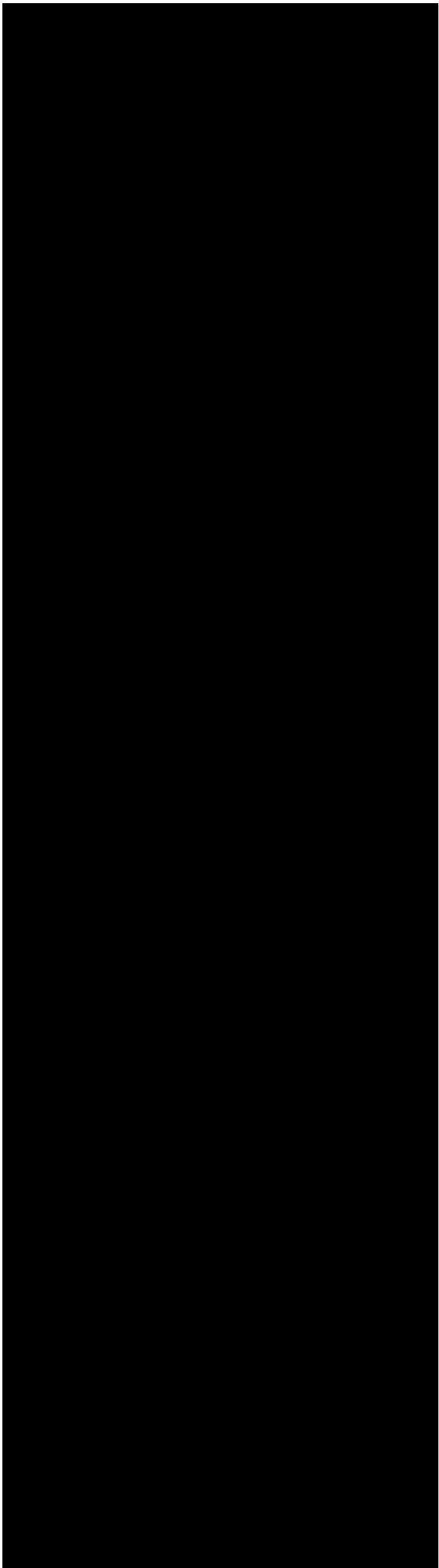
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**6.15 Special interest groups contacted at the
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Organisation	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Address 5	Post Code
	House of Commons			London		SW1A 0AA
	Terry Duffy House	Thomas Street		West Bromwich		B70 6NT
	Temple House	Greenhough Road		Lichfield		WS13 7AU
	The Chapel	Whythall Estate	Walford	Ross-on-Wye	Herefordshire	HR9 5SD
	UK Independence Party	PO Box 408		Newton Abbot	Devon	TQ12 9BG
	UK Independence Party	PO Box 408		Newton Abbot	Devon	TQ12 9BG
	Terry Duffy House	1 Thomas Street	West Bromwich			B70 6NT
	11 Tipton Street	Sedgley		Dudley		DY3 1HE
	5 Westhope Avenue	Copthorne		Shrewsbury		SY3 8UY
	Newlyn	Bypass Road	Gobowen			SY11 3NG
	Park Issa	Whittington	OswestryShropshire	Shropshire		SY11 4NF
	Greenfields	Weston Lane	Oswestry	Shropshire		SY11 2JL
	14 Woodland View	Trefonen	Oswestry	Shropshire		SY11 2BD
	Hadley Park House	Wrexham Road	Whitchurch	Shropshire		SY13 3PF
	The Granary	Yeaton Manor Farm	Baschurch	Shrewsbury		SY4 2HY
	Silverdale House	Silverdale Drive	Trefonen	Oswestry		SY10 9DJ
	The Hawthorns	Scholars Lane	Loppington	Shrewsbury		SY4 5RE
	Benedict House	17 Chapel Street	Wem			SY4 5ER
	Dwyfor	37 Kynaston Drive	The Wheatfields	Wem		SY4 5DE
	Dearnford	Tilstock Road	Whitchurch	Shropshire		SY13 3JJ
	33 Talbot Crescent	Whitchurch		Shropshire		SY13 1PH
	Collinslea	15 Mile Bank		Whitchurch		SY13 4JY
	3 Glebe Meadows	Whittington	Oswestry			SY11 4AG
Department for Communities and Local Government	2 Marsham Street			London		SW1P 4DF
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)	Nobel House	17 Smith Square		London		SW1P 3JR
Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy	3 Whitehall Place	London			SW1A 2AW
	House of Commons			London		SW1A 0AA
Defence Infrastructure Organisation	DIO Headquarters	Kingston Road		Sutton Coldfield	West Midlands	B75 7RL
Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership	193 Abbey Foregate			Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY2 6AH
Shropshire Wildlife Trust	193 Abbey Foregate			Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY2 6AH
The Woodland Trust	Kempton Way			Grantham	Lincolnshire	NG31 6LL
Open Spaces Society	25a Bell Street			Henley-on-Thames	Oxfordshire	RG9 2BA
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	70 Cowcross Street			London		EC1M 6EJ
The RSPB	Midlands Regional Office	46 The Green	South Bar	Banbury	Oxfordshire	OX16 9AB
Offa's Dyke Association	Offa's Dyke Centre	West Street		Knighton	Powys	LD7 1EN
National Trust	Central Office	Heelis	Kemble Drive	Swindon	Wiltshire	SN2 2NA
National Trust - Herefordshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire	Attingham Park Consultancy Office	Shrewsbury	Shropshire			SY4 4TP
Shropshire Chamber of Commerce	Trevithick House	Stafford Park 4		Hereford	Shropshire	TF3 3BA
Oswestry Rotary Club	c/o The Wynnstay Hotel	Church Street		Oswestry	Shropshire	SY11 2SX
Shropshire Women's Institute	Kingsland House	39 Abbey Foregate		Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY2 6BL
Shrewsbury and District Riding Club						
Shropshire Peregrine Group	1 Brookside Gardens	Yockleton		Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY54 9PR
Whittington History Society						
Wem Civic Society						
Shropshire Borders District Scouts						
NFU Shropshire	Agriculture House	Southwater Way	Telford	Shropshire		TF3 4NR
NFU Shropshire	Agriculture House	Southwater Way	Telford	Shropshire		TF3 4NR
Country Land and Business Association Limited	CLA Midlands Regional Office	Knightley	Woodseaves	Staffordshire		ST20 0JW
The Ramblers - Shropshire						
Federation of Small Businesses - Shropshire, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Region	FSB FREEPOST SWC 4117			Pershore	Worcestershire	WR10 3ZD
Sleap Airfield, Shropshire Aero Club Ltd	Sleap Aerodrome	Harmer Hill			Shropshire	SY4 3HE
Sleap Airfield, Shropshire Aero Club Ltd	Sleap Aerodrome	Harmer Hill			Shropshire	SY4 3HE
Shropshire Ornithological Society	104 Noel Hill Road	Cross Houses	Shrewsbury			SY5 6LD
ABP UK	The Abbatoir	Hordley	Ellesmere	Shropshire		SY12 9BL
Montgomery Canal Partnership	Navigation Road	Northwich	Cheshire			CW8 1BH
RAF Shawbury	Corporate Engagement Relations	Station Headquarters	RAF Shawbury	Shropshire		SY4 4DZ
RAF Shawbury		Station Headquarters	RAF Shawbury	Shropshire		SY4 4DZ



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**6.16 Hard to Reach groups contacted at the
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Low Hill	Wem			Shropshire	SY4 5UB	01
Morda Road			Oswestry	Shropshire	SY11 2AR	01
Shropshire Council	Shirehall	Abbey Foregate	Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY2 6ND	
Bowmans Way	Battlefield		Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY4 3DR	07
Walker House	Radbrook Complex		Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY3 9BJ	01
3 Mardol Gardens			Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY1 1PR	01
5 Swan Hill			Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY1 1NP	01
11 Bellstone			Shrewsbury		SY1 1HU	01
Edinburgh House	New Street	Wem		Shropshire	SY4 5DB	03
Community Council of Shropshire	Creative Quarter	Shrewsbury Business Park	Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY2 6LG	01
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						07
Shropshire Council	Shirehall	Abbey Foregate	Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY2 6ND	01
Grove House	St. Julian's Friars		Shrewsbury	Shropshire	SY1 1XL	01
Park Hall Farm Enterprises	Park Hall	Oswestry	Shropshire		SY11 4AS	
The Lantern	Meadow Farm Drive	Harlescott, Shrewsbury			SY1 4NG	

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6.17 Photographs from the additional engagement event held at Whittington Primary School

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Statutory Consultation – additional events in Whittington and Wrexham SP Office



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**6.18 Photographs from the additional
engagement event held at Walford Agricultural
College**

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