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(V4)**

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1.1 This document sets out the updated position of the Statements of Common Ground ("SoCG") as requested by the Examining Authority ("ExA") in its letter dated 27th March 2019 sent pursuant to rule 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Regulations 2010 ("Rule 8 Letter").
- 1.1.2 The position of the SoCGs with the interested parties fall within the following categories:
- 1.1.3 Completed SoCGs; these are submitted as separate submissions to assist the Planning Inspectorate to display the completed documents on its website;
- 1.1.4 Draft SoCGs where SP Manweb remains in discussion with them interested party or is awaiting feedback from the interested party on the draft. These are appended to this document.

2 COMPLETED STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 2.1.1 In addition to the agreed SoCGs with the Environment Agency and Shropshire Council, SP Manweb agreed a SoCG with National Grid which was submitted separately at Deadline 3. In addition, a SoCG with Highways England was also submitted separately and accepted as a late submission to Deadline 3. The Network Rail SoCG is the latest to be agreed and this is submitted separately at Deadline 4.

3 DRAFT STATEMENTS OF COMMON GROUND

- 3.1.1 SoCGs have continued to be discussed between SP Manweb and remaining interested parties as requested by the ExA in Annex F of the Rule 8 Letter. This section set out the current position of the SoCGs with each interested party at the Deadline 4 Submission, 4 June 2019.
- 3.1.2 SP Manweb will continue to work with these interested parties to conclude completed SoCGs as soon as possible.
- 3.1.3 The updated progress on draft SoCGs submitted for Deadline 4 is listed in Table 1.
- 3.1.4 SPM continues to attempt to progress the remaining three SoCGs; Canal and River Trust, Natural England and Severn Trent Water. SP Manweb is actively engaging with the Canal and River Trust in working towards an agreed understanding.
- 3.1.5 In respect of Natural England, SP Manweb is receiving no response at all to its emails sent to NE and has drawn this to the Examining Authority's attention in an email dated 28th May 2019 (see Appendix A).
- 3.1.6 In respect of Severn Trent Water, following agreement on a cost undertaking for them to progress their input into the draft SOCG, SP Manweb has not received a response to its recent emails requesting comments on the draft SOCG.

3.1.7 SPM's latest email to STW is as follows:

In response to your comments regarding the SOCG, the Examining Authority has requested an SOCG with Severn Trent Water. In providing an SOCG, I consider that as the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) - see link <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN020021/EN020021-000228-6.3.2%20ES%20Appendix%203.2%20-%20Draft%20Construction%20Environmental%20Management%20Plan.pdf> includes in Appendix B STW's own 'Guidance for working near our assets', adherence to which is secured by Requirement 9 in the draft DCO, it would benefit the Examination for STW to acknowledge and agree SPM's signing up to the measures in this document. As such, I have amended the draft SOCG to this effect. Can you please agree this approach.

I think asking you to agree the above is reasonable as I understood we had agreed between us that an element of your cost undertaking covers the 'Initial discussions, review of DCO documentation...'

With regard to your draft HoTs for the Asset Protection Agreement, in respect of the green highlights for SPM, as well as the above references in the CEMP, details of how SPM's proposed measures for working around your assets are set out in the protective provisions for water and sewage in Sched 6 Part 2 of the draft DCO. Can I ask you to let me know what details you are waiting for from SPM. I note you refer below to there being 'specific concerns' however I am still not clear as to what these might be and consider it would help the Examination if you can state what these are. I note the draft HoTs refer to blue highlights on which you say in your email of the March that you are awaiting specific comments from STW internally. Can you please let me know what these are.

I suggest STW's engagement on the above would be appreciated by the Examining Authority. To this end, can I ask you to reconsider the amended SOCG and return your comments to myself by next Wednesday 29th May in order that the ExA can be updated at the next Deadline which is June 4th.

Regarding the land rights agreements, please forward your comments through to myself and Ian Wall until instructed otherwise.

3.1.8 SPM is awaiting a further response from STW.

Table 1 Draft Statements of Common Ground			
Party	Draft issued	SOCG status	Appendix
Natural England	First draft issued 13 March 2019	No response received	
	Second draft issued 26 March 2019	Revised draft to include ref to ES matters noted in ExAs Rule 6 letter dated 20 Feb 2019	
		Discussions on 2 nd draft still ongoing - as at 16/04/19 SPM awaiting response from NE	
	Reminder on second draft issued on 29/04/19	Requesting response to earlier 26 th March email	
	Further copy sent on 28/05/19	Further amended document to update record of SPM emails sent to NE	B
Canal and River Trust	First draft issued 18 March 2019	No response received	
	Second draft issued 26 March 2019	Response received 29/03/19	
	Third draft issued 16/04/19	Further changes including CRT and SPM inputs	
	24/05/19	Further changes including CRT and SPM inputs	C
Severn Trent Water	First draft issued 18 March 2019	No response received	
	Requested response to above draft 26 March 2019		
	Third draft issued 15 April 2019	Following SPM approval to meet STW's agents cost and	

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		STW response regarding need to refer to documents other than the draft DCO,	
	Follow up email issued 03/05/19	SPM expressing keenness to progress the SOCG and suggested agreeing the SOCG with a proviso to progress separately PPs and the draft DCO	
	Further follow up email 13/05/19	Requesting agreement based on SPM agreeing to meet STW's costs and that the outstanding matter is the relevant protective provisions section which can be agreed as part of the draft DCO.	
	20/05/19	Following cost undertaking confirmation and recent attempts to engage, further SPM email requesting STW to set out what its concerns are.	
	23/05/19	Further request to STW to engage on the draft SOCG.	D

4 SUMMARY

4.1.1 SP Manweb remains in discussion with the relevant interested parties on the draft SoCGs. SP Manweb will continue to work with these interested parties to conclude SoCGs as soon as possible and by the date specified in the Rule 8 letter i.e. 27th June 2019.

Appendix A

Email from SP Manweb to the Examining Authority

28th May 2019

From: Edwards, Steven <Steven.Edwards@spenergynetworks.co.uk>
Sent: 28 May 2019 11:45
To: North Shropshire Reinforcement
(NorthShropshireReinforcement@planninginspectorate.gov.uk); Sian Evans
(SIAN.EVANS@planninginspectorate.gov.uk)
Cc: Dean Alford (DEAN.ALFORD@planninginspectorate.gov.uk); Jacquie Critchley
Subject: North Shropshire Reinforcement Project - Engagement with Natural England
Attachments: Grady McLean Natural England 020218.pdf; RE: North Shropshire Reinforcement Project - Protected Species confirmation of no impediment

Hi Sian

I thought it helpful to let you know that we are struggling to encourage Natural England to engage with us on the NSR Project. Since confirming it has no objections to the scheme in response to the statutory consultation last February 2018, as attached, Natural England has, despite several email reminders and phone calls, not returned any emails.

I wondered if you have had any contact with any NE representatives or are aware of any reason why they have not responded.

In the circumstances, I enclose for your information a copy of a recent SPM email to NE requesting them to confirm they see no impediment to any protected species licences being issued and a further request to confirm this by 10th May after which SP Manweb will assume this to be the case.

Please note that following no response from NE regarding the draft SOCG, I am this morning sending them a further email requesting them to engage in the SOCG process and will include a copy of this email. I will provide an update of the emails send by SPM to NE in the next SOCG Update to be submitted at Deadline 4.

I'd be grateful for any advice you can offer regarding engaging with NE given their lack of engagement demonstrated to date.

Thanks

Steve Edwards



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Appendix B

Statement of Common Ground

**Between SP Manweb PLC and
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13/03/2019	1	Live	New document for discussion with Natural England
26/03/19	2	Live	Amended document following review of ExA's Rule 6 letter Annex E for discussion with Natural England
28/05/19	3	Live	Further amended document to update record of SPM emails sent to NE

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1 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

1.1 PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

1.1.1 This document is submitted to the Secretary of State through the Planning Inspectorate (as responsible agency) in relation to the application by SP Manweb Plc ("**SP Manweb**") for an Order granting development consent for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network (the 'DCO'). The DCO would grant powers to construct, operate and maintain a new 22.5 kilometre, 132,000 volt (132kV), connection between the existing Oswestry Substation and Wem Substation within the administrative boundary of Shropshire County.

1.1.2 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development. Guidance about the purpose and possible content of SoCGs is given in paragraphs 58-65 of the Department for Communities and Local Government's "Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent" (March 2015). Paragraph 58, confirms the basic function of SoCGs:

"A statement of common ground is a written statement prepared jointly by the applicant and another party or parties, setting out any matters on which they agree. As well as identifying matters which are not in real dispute, it is also useful if a statement identifies those areas where agreement has not been reached. The statement should include references to show where those matters are dealt with in the written representations or other documentary evidence."

1.1.3 SoCGs are a useful and established means of ensuring that the evidence at the examination focuses on the material differences between the main parties, and so aims to help facilitate a more efficient examination process.

1.2 PARTIES TO THE SOCG

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development, by SP Manweb, as the applicant and Natural England.
- 1.2.2 To supply and distribute electricity within an area an operator is required to hold an Electricity Distribution Licence. SP Manweb, as the holder of a Distribution Licence for the Cheshire, Merseyside, Shropshire, North and Mid Wales areas and, as the Distribution Network Operator (or DNO) for these areas, must comply with various statutory and licence duties and obligations.
- 1.2.3 Natural England is the government's adviser for the natural environment in England, helping to protect England's nature and landscapes for people to enjoy. Natural England is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs.
- 1.2.4 This SoCG has been prepared in the context of the Environmental Statement, and specifically Chapter 7 'Ecology' (**DCO Document 6.7**) and the No Significant Effects Report (**DCO Document 5.4**).
- 1.2.5 Section 1.3 provides an overview of the Proposed Development.
- 1.2.6 Section 1.4 provides a summary of the relevant consultation between SP Manweb and Natural England.
- 1.2.7 Section 1.5 provides a summary of the relevant documents that relate to the information considered in this SoCG.
- 1.2.8 Section 2 provides a summary of areas that have been agreed, and areas that have not been agreed.
- 1.2.9 Section 3 provides a record of areas still under discussion.

1.2.10 This SOCG has been structured to reflect matters and topics of interest to Natural England in relation to the Proposed Development. Natural England is a party to this SOCG as a Statutory and Interested Party for the purposes of the Application.

1.2.11 This SOCG relates to the following topics:

- The Proposed Development
- Policy and Legislative Context
- Content of the Environmental Statement (ES) being within Natural England's remit:
 - Ecology and Biodiversity
- Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan
- Content of the draft Development Consent Order

1.2.12 This SOCG sets out the matters agreed between the Parties and those that are still outstanding.

1.2.13 Throughout this SOCG:

1.2.14 The “Parties” for the purposes of this SOCG means SP Manweb and Natural England.

1.2.15 Where a sentence begins “It is agreed”, this signifies a matter that has been specifically stated as agreed by SP Manweb and Natural England.

1.2.16 Where a sentence begins “It is not agreed”, this signifies a matter that has been specifically stated as not agreed by SP Manweb and Natural England.

1.2.17 Where a sentence begins “It is under discussion”, this signifies a matter is not yet agreed however is still under discussion by SP Manweb and Natural England.

1.2.18 It is agreed that any matters not specifically mentioned in Sections 2 and Sections 3 of this SOCG are not of material interest or relevance to the Parties, and therefore have not been the subject of any discussions between the Parties.

1.2.19 Reference in this SOCG to DCO means the draft DCO as submitted.

1.3 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

1.3.1 The Proposed Development comprises a new 22.5 km 132kV electrical circuit between the existing SP Manweb Substations at Oswestry and Wem in North Shropshire, together with associated temporary construction works. The circuit would be a combination of underground cables and overhead line. Works are also required at the existing Oswestry and Wem Substations to accommodate the new circuit.

1.3.2 The Proposed Development includes the following elements:

- Works within the boundary of the existing SP Manweb Substation at Oswestry including underground cable and the installation of electrical switchgear and associated equipment;
- Approx. 1.2km of 132kV underground cable between Oswestry Substation and a 132kV terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877);
- Approx. 21.3km of 132kV of overhead line supported by Trident wood poles from the terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877) to the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem; and
- Works within the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem including the installation of a new 132kV to 33kV transformer.

1.3.3 The Proposed Development also includes work to facilitate the new electrical circuit including:

- Undergrounding six short sections of existing SP Manweb lower voltage overhead lines in order to ensure safe electrical clearance for the new overhead line; and
- Temporary works required for the construction of the new overhead line including seven temporary laydown areas, welfare unit, security cabin, access tracks, vegetation clearance and reinstatement planting.

1.4 CONSULTATION

1.4.1 Natural England submitted comments in response to the statutory consultation. A summary of the key contacts that have taken place between SP Manweb and Natural England in relation to the Proposed Development is outlined in the table below:

Table 1.1 – Consultation between SP Manweb and Natural England		
Date	Form of contact or type of correspondence	Summary of that contact and key outcomes and points of discussion
13/09/18	SPM Email to NE	Requesting NE response to SPM's 'HRA' report and that unless received by 21 st September 2018 assumes agreed with report.
5/11/18	SPM Email to NE	Further request for NE to confirm it agrees that SPM has avoided causing non-significant effects on the relevant european sites.
21/11/18	SPM Email to NE	Further request for NE to confirm it agrees that SPM has avoided causing non-significant effects on the relevant european sites.
13/03/19	SPM Email to NE	Draft SOCG attached
26/03/19	SPM Email to NE	Copy of amended SOCG to NE
29/04/19	SPM Email to NE	Reminder of above SPM email requesting NE to review and agree
29/04/19	SPM Email to NE	Request for NE to provide a No Impediment letter
09/05/19	SPM Email to NE	Further request for NE to confirm No Impediment and provided wording for such confirmation
09/05/19	SPM Email to NE	Further request for NE to confirm No Impediment and SPM to understand if not

		heard by 10 th May that NE agree with SPM position.
28/05/19	SPM Email to NE	Reminder of previous emails to i) engage and agree SOCG (as amended) and ii) provide response to SPM email of 29/04/19 of there being no impediment and note further SPM email that SPM is advising Examining Authority that NE has no objections as SPM has not heard by 10 th May 2019

1.4.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key correspondence between SP Manweb and Natural England in relation to the matters recorded in Sections 2 – 3.

1.5 DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED WITHIN THIS SOCG

1.5.1 The following DCO documents have been considered with this SOCG:

- ES (**DCO Volume 6**)
- Construction Report (**DCO Document 7.2**);
- Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (**DCO Document 6.3.2**); and
- Other Consents and Licences Report (**DCO Document 5.5**)

2 MATTERS AGREED AND MATTERS NOT AGREED

2.1 Content of the Environmental Statement

Approach and methodology

2.1.1 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
1	<p>SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE the following in respect of SP Manweb's approach and methodology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology (see ES Chapter 4 (DCO Document 6.4)); b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 4.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.4)) c) approach to deliverable mitigation (see section 4.6 of the ES (DCO document 6.4)); and d) no outstanding issues that need to be addressed at any issue specific hearing.

2.1.2 Matters not agreed

- a. None to report

Ecology and Biodiversity

2.1.3 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
2	<p>SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE the following in respect of ecology and biodiversity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) approach to the assessment methodology and significance criteria for ecology and biodiversity impacts (see ES Chapter 4 (DCO Document 6.4) and Chapter 7 (DCO Document 6.7)); d) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 7.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.7)) c) identification and sensitivity of relevant features and conclusion on assessment of significance (alone and cumulatively) (see sections 7.6 (DCO document 6.7) and 7.7(DCO document 6.7) of the ES); d) deliverable mitigation (see section 7.8 of the ES (DCO document 6.7)); and e) no outstanding issues that need to be addressed at any issue specific hearing.

2.1.4 Matters not agreed

- a. None to report

2.2 Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan

2.2.1 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
1	<p>SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE the content of the Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan including the species protection plans as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Badgers b) Bats c) Great crested newts d) Water voles and otters

2.2.2 Matters not agreed

- a. None to report

2.3 Content of the Construction Report

2.3.1 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
1	<p>SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE that the Proposed Development is accurately described in Chapter 3 of the ES (DCO Document 6.2), Chapter 2 of the Planning Statement (DCO Document 7.1) and sections 1.1 of the Statement of Reasons (DCO Document 4.1).</p>
2	<p>SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE the following in respect of the Construction Report (DCO Document 7.2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need and design of the Proposed Development 2. SPM's approach to construction including the use of construction accesses and measures to protect existing field boundary hedgerows, the approach to traffic management on the public highway, and the distribution of construction traffic from the construction compound to the construction sites and temporary laydown areas.
3	<p>SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the necessary diversions of existing lower voltage overhead lines are accurately described. b. SP Manweb has given consideration to the environmental effects of the works described above as part of the cumulative

	assessment undertaken for the Proposed Development. The conclusions of that assessment are agreed as being sound and robust.
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2.3.2 Matters not agreed

- a. None to report

2.4 Other Consents and Licences Report

2.4.1 Matters agreed:

Ref	Matters agreed
1	SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE the content of the Other Consents and Licences Report

2.4.2 Matters not agreed

- a. None to report

2.5 No Impediment Letter

2.5.1 Matters agreed:

Ref	Matters agreed
1	SP Manweb and Natural England AGREE that following SPM’s assessment and on the basis of the species information and proposals provided in the Environmental Statement and associated Appendices, Natural England is satisfied in principle in relation to the mitigation proposals. On the basis of the information provided, Natural England sees no impediment to a European Protected Species Mitigation Licence being issued, or other applicable consenting process applied as applicable at the time, should the DCO be granted subject to any advice provided by Natural England

3 RECORD OF MATTERS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION

3.1.1 There are no matters still under discussion.

4 AGREEMENT ON THIS SOCG

This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly prepared and agreed by:

Name: Steven Edwards

Signature:

Position: Senior Environmental Planner

On behalf of: SP Manweb Plc

Date:

Name:

Signature:

Position:

On behalf of: Natural England

Date:

Appendix C

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- 1.2.3 The Trust is a charity responsible for 2000 miles of waterways which contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. The Trust is also a statutory undertaker for the purposes of S127 Planning Act 2008 and a statutory party for the purposes of S.88(3)(c). In addition, the Trust are also a landowner of interests affected by the proposed development.
- 1.2.4 The Canal and River Trust is responsible for the ownership and maintenance of canals and rivers which contribute to the health and well being of local communities and economies, creating attractive places to live, work and enjoy.
- 1.2.5 This SoCG has been prepared in the context of the crossing of the Montgomery Canal by the Proposed Development (by overhead conductors) to the south of Rednal.
- 1.2.6 Section 1.4 provides an overview of consultation to date between SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust.
- 1.2.7 Section 1.5 provides a summary of the relevant documents that relate to the information considered in this SOCG.
- 1.2.8 Section 2 provides a summary of areas that have been agreed and areas that have not been agreed.
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- 1.2.11 This SOCG relates to the following topics:

Content of the Environmental Statement (ES)

Ecology and Biodiversity

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- Landscape and Visual
 - Historic Environment
 - Flood Risk and Water Quality
 - Socio-economics and Tourism
 - Content of the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan
 - Content of the Construction Report
 - Content of the draft Development Consent Order
 - Planning Statement
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1.3 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- 1.3.1 The Proposed Development comprises a new 22.5 km 132kV electrical circuit between the existing SP Manweb Substations at Oswestry and Wem in North Shropshire, together with associated temporary construction works. The circuit would be a combination of underground cables and overhead line. Works are

also required at the existing Oswestry and Wem Substations to accommodate the new circuit.

1.3.2 The Proposed Development as set out in the DCO application in Section 1.2 of the Construction Report (**DCO Document 7.2**) includes the following elements:

- Works within the boundary of the existing SP Manweb Substation at Oswestry including underground cable and the installation of electrical switchgear and associated equipment;
- Approx. 1.2km of 132kV underground cable between Oswestry Substation and a 132kV terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877);
- Approx. 21.3km of 132kV of overhead line supported by Trident wood poles from the terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877) to the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem; and
- Works within the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem including the installation of a new 132kV to 33kV transformer.

1.3.3 The Proposed Development as set out in the DCO application in Section 1.2 of the Construction Report (**DCO Document 7.2**) also includes work to facilitate the new electrical circuit including:

- Undergrounding six short sections of existing SP Manweb lower voltage overhead lines in order to ensure safe electrical clearance for the new overhead line; and
- Temporary works required for the construction of the new overhead line including seven temporary laydown areas, welfare unit, security cabin, access tracks, vegetation clearance and reinstatement planting.

1.4 CONSULTATION

1.4.1 A summary of the correspondence that has taken place between SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust in relation to the Proposed Development since the close of statutory consultation is outlined in the table below:

Ref	Date	Form of contact or type of correspondence	Summary of that contact and key outcomes and points of discussion
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1	02/02/18	CRT Email	Enclosed an example of Protective Provisions that were negotiated for another DCO
2	18/06/18	CRT Email	Enclosed plan of Trust ownership
3	19/08/18	SPM Email	Confirming Pole 38 is outside Trust ownership
4	17/09/18	SPM Email	Enclosed copies of extracts from draft Consultation Report referring to SPMs response to Trust comments
5	25/09/18	CRT Email	Enclosed letter from Trust solicitors Ward Hadaway raising concerns with SPMs approach.
6	02/11/18	SPM Email	SPM response from solicitors Squires Patton Boggs to Trust letter with enclosures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viewpoints/photomontage - Works plan extract showing canal crossing
7	25/2/19	CRT email	Trust's solicitors enclosed proposed amendments to draft protective provisions and draft DCO
8	26/03/19	SPM Email	SPM response including x-section plan showing height of overhead line over the canal and towpath, references in CEMP to bird diverters and installation of fishing signs and agreement in principle to landscape planting/environmental improvement along the canal
8	29/03/19	CRT Email	Comments on SOCG V1
9	16/04/19	SPM Email	SPM response including CRT changes and reference to matters discussed following the previous draft SOCG
10	24.04.2019	CRT Letter	Additional information request to SPM on construction impacts of undergrounding line under canal

			and landscape and visual impacts associated with this.
11	07.05.2019	CRT Letter	Comments to PINS on LVIA. Request to SPM for further viewpoint from under lines where crosses canal
12	09.05.2019	SPM Email	SPM response to CRT additional information request of 24.04.209. Requested discussion with the Trust on planting
13	10.05.2019	CRT Email	Comments on SOCG V2
14	20.05.19	SPM Email	SPM note of meeting with CRT on 16.05.19
15	24.05.2019	SPM email	Version 3 of the SOCG
16	29.05.2019	CRT Email	Trusts solicitor email to SPM solicitors raising concerns on failure to progress the protective provisions and the land agreement.
17	04.06.19	SPM Email	Final draft SOCG (Version 4) sent to CRT for approval

1.4.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the correspondence between SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust in relation to the matters recorded in Sections 1.6 – 1.8 since February 2018.

1.4.3 There is ongoing discussion between the parties.

1.5 DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED WITHIN THIS SOCG

1.5.1 The following documents have been considered with this SOCG:

- Environmental Statement (**DCO Document 6.1 to 6.28**)
- Draft Development Consent Order (**DCO Document 3.1**);
- Environmental Statement, Appendix 3.2 Construction Environmental Management Plan (**DCO Document 6.3.2**);
- Construction Report (**DCO Document 7.2**); and
- Planning Statement (**DCO Document 7.1**).

2. MATTERS AGREED AND MATTERS NOT AGREED

For the avoidance of doubt, the matters agreed set out below are agreed subject to the position of the Canal & River Trust as set out in the matters not agreed sections of this statement.

2.1 CONTENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

2.1.1 Matters agreed:

Approach and methodology

Ref	Matters agreed
	SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the following in respect of SP Manweb’s approach and methodology: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology as set out in ES, Chapter 4, paragraph 4.4 (DCO Document 6.4); b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling as set out in section 4.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.4))

2.1.2 Matters not yet agreed

In relation to para 4.6, SP Manweb have raised in a number of discussions with the Canal and River Trust the proposal to provide reinstatement mitigation for the Canal and its immediate setting together with off-site reinstatement mitigation. The Canal and River Trust are seeking clarity from SP Manweb of the proposals and how this mitigation will be secured

Ecology and Biodiversity

2.1.3 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
	SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the following in respect of ecology and biodiversity:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology and significance criteria for ecology and biodiversity impacts as set out in paragraph 4.4 and 4.5 of Chapter 4 ES (DCO Document 6.4) and Appendix 7.2 (DCO Document 6.7)); b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 7.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.7)) c) identification and sensitivity of relevant features and conclusion on assessment of significance (alone and cumulatively) (see sections 7.6 (DCO document 6.7) and 7.7(DCO document 6.7) of the ES);
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2.1.4 Matters not yet agreed

Reinstatement planting to be agreed and the delivery mechanism for this, especially if on third party land.

Landscape and Visual

2.1.5 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
	<p>SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the following in respect of landscape and visual impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology and significance criteria for landscape and visual impacts as set out in paragraph 4.4 and 4.5 of Chapter 4 ES = (DCO Document 6.4) and Chapter 6 paragraph 6.3 (DCO Document 6.6)); b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 6.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.6)) c) identification and sensitivity of relevant features and conclusion on assessment of significance (alone and cumulatively) as set out in paragraph () 6.7(DCO document 6.6) of the ES);

	<p>d) details of tree works on either side of the canal to be provided as part of the canal crossing plan to be included in the CEMP and referred to in an amended Requirement 9 (see below).</p>
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2.1.6 Matters not yet agreed

Reinstatement planting to be agreed and the delivery mechanism for this.

Historic Environment

2.1.7 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
	<p>SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the following in respect of historic environment impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology and significance criteria for historic environment as set out in paragraph 4.4 and 4.5 of ES, Chapter 4 (DCO Document 6.4) and Chapter 8 paragraph 8.3.16-8.3.19 (DCO Document 6.8)); b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 8.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.8)) c) identification and sensitivity of relevant features and conclusion on assessment of significance (alone and cumulatively) (see sections 8.6 (DCO document 6.8) and 8.7(DCO document 6.8) of the ES); and d) no outstanding issues currently identified that need to be addressed at any issue specific hearing.

2.1.8 Matters not agreed

None to report

Flood Risk and Water Quality

2.1.9 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
	<p>SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the following in respect of flood risk and water quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology and significance criteria for flood risk and water quality as set out in paragraph 4.4 and 4.5 ES, Chapter 4 (DCO Document 6.4) and Chapter 9 (DCO Document 6.9)); b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 9.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.9)) c) identification and sensitivity of relevant features and conclusion on assessment of significance (alone and cumulatively) (see sections 9.6 (DCO document 6.9) and 9.7(DCO document 6.9) of the ES); d) deliverable mitigation (see section 9.8 of the ES (DCO document 6.9)); and e) no outstanding issues currently identified that need to be addressed at any issue specific hearing.

2.1.10 Matters not agreed
None to report

Socio-economic and Tourism

2.1.11 Matters agreed

Ref	Matters agreed
	<p>SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the following in respect of socio-economic and tourism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) approach to the assessment methodology and significance criteria for socio-economic and tourism as set out in paragraph

	<p>4.4 and 4.5 ES, Chapter 4 (DCO Document 6.4) and Chapter 10 paragraph 10.3 (DCO Document 6.10));</p> <p>b) data collection, baseline data, statistical modelling (see section 10.5 of the ES (DCO document 6.10))</p> <p>c) identification and sensitivity of relevant features and conclusion on assessment of significance (alone and cumulatively) (see sections 10.6 (DCO document 6.10) and 10.7(DCO document 6.10) of the ES);</p>
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2.1.12 Matters not yet agreed

SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE that the assessment of the effect of the Proposed Development on the Public Right of Way was appropriate and the conclusions in respect of the level of significance of effect was acceptable.

Reinstatement planting mitigation to be agreed and the delivery mechanism for this.

2.2 Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan

Ref	Matters agreed
1	<p>SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the content of the Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan including:</p> <p>a) Reference in para. 1.17.9 to agreeing to placing signage across the canal to warn anglers of proximity of overhead lines and bird diverters along overhead lines where it crosses the canal, and to details of the tree works on trees either side of the canal. The new section to read as follows:</p> <p>Agreed Working Methods for the Canal Crossing 1.17.9 The Canal & River Trust have requested the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signage to restrict fishing activities and avoidance of risks to anglers; • bird diverters are installed on the overhead line where it crosses the Canal; and • tree works either side of the canal

	<p>1.17.10 The Canal & River Trust have provided a Code of Practice for Works in proximity to the Canal 2019 (see Appendix B) and the draft DCO (DCO Document 3.1) contains protective provisions. They have also supplied a document entitled Managing the Risk to Anglers which is included in Appendix B.</p> <p>b) Reference in section 1.15 to the Hedgerow Management Plan and provision of reinstatement and newly planted hedgerows</p>
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2.2.1 Matters not agreed
None to report

2.3 Content of the Construction Report

2.3.1 Matters agreed:

Ref	Matters agreed
1	
2	SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE the proposed design of the overhead line across the canal and canal towpath exceeds the stated minimum clearance distances for this type of overhead line design, as shown on the x-section drawing in Annex A attached to this SOCG.

2.3.2 Matters not yet agreed
The design of the proposed development (including the issue of whether the lines are located above or below ground) and any required mitigation remains to be further considered by the Trust.

2.4 Content of the draft Development Consent Order

2.4.1 Matters agreed:

Ref	Matters agreed
	SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust AGREE an amendment to Requirement 9 of Schedule 2 of the draft DCO to include the Canal and River Trust as a consultee in relation to the Construction Environmental Management Plan. The amended requirement to read:

	<p>Construction environmental management plan</p> <p>9.—(1) No authorised development is to commence until, following consultation with the relevant highway authority and the Environment Agency, a construction environmental management plan for that stage, which is substantially in accordance with the draft construction environmental management plan, has been submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority. The construction environmental management plan must include measures to minimise impacts of construction works and must include but not be limited to the following plans—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) hedgerow management plan; (b) a construction traffic management plan.; (c) a canal crossing plan detailing the measures to manage the risks of overhead power lines to anglers and bird collisions, and tree works which has been agreed with the Canal and River Trust. <p>(2) The authorised development must be carried out in accordance with the construction environmental management plan as approved under this requirement.</p>
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2.4.2 Matters not agreed

The Canal and River Trust do not agree to the inclusion of powers of compulsory acquisition in respect of the Canal and River Trust's land. The inclusion of these powers is neither necessary, fair nor proportionate

The Canal and River Trust do not agree the protective provisions in Schedule 6 Part 4.

3. RECORD OF MATTERS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION

3.1.1 In addition to the above matters noted as 'not yet agreed', the table below provides a 'tracker' for each issue also currently under discussion between SP Manweb and the Canal and River Trust:

Table 3.1 – Matters still under discussion			
Ref	Issue	SP Manweb response	Canal and River Trust response
DCO Document 7.1 Planning Statement	Appendix 1 Undergrounding	Providing additional information relating to SPMs assessment of undergrounding option across the canal	
DCO Document 3.1 draft DCO Schedule 6 Part 4	Protective Provisions	Currently considering NR proposed amendments	The Trust have not received a response to the draft protective provisions sent to SP Manweb on 5 February.
	Habitat Improvement Plan		Meeting arranged to discuss this matter.
	Mitigation		The Canal and River Trust are awaiting further clarity from SP Manweb as to what mitigation is proposed and how this will be delivered.
	Omnibus Agreement		The Canal and River Trust have provided a copy of an Omnibus Agreement which the Trust considered could be amended to include the overhead lines. It appears that this will not be possible

			and therefore a separate agreement will be required. The Trust would like to progress this with SP Manweb but SP Manweb have intentionally stalled progress on this.
DCO document 3.1 draft DCO article 18	Compulsory acquisition of rights		The Trust do not consider that it is necessary, proportionate nor in the public interest for rights to be acquired from the Trust by compulsory acquisition and, as per the comments above, would expect SP Manweb to enter into negotiations to acquire the necessary rights by agreement. The Trust object against compulsory acquisition powers in relation to the Trust's property/interests.

4. AGREEMENT ON THIS SOCG

This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly prepared and agreed by:

Name: Steven Edwards

Signature:

Position: Senior Environmental Planner

On behalf of: SP Manweb Plc

Date:

Name:

Signature:

Position:

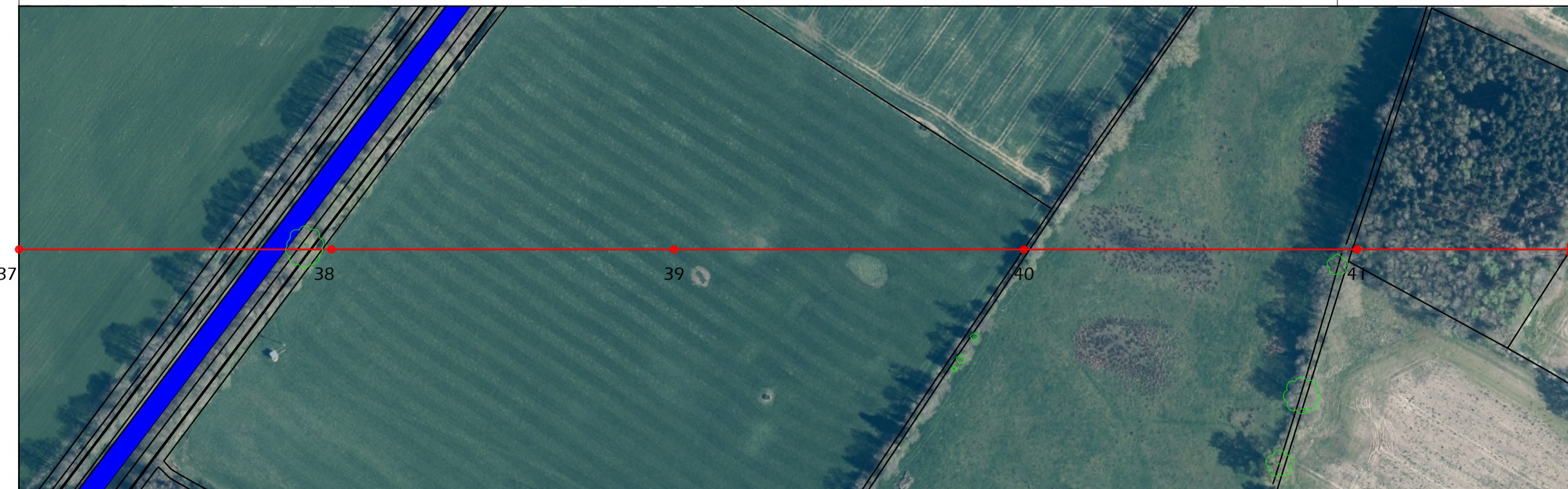
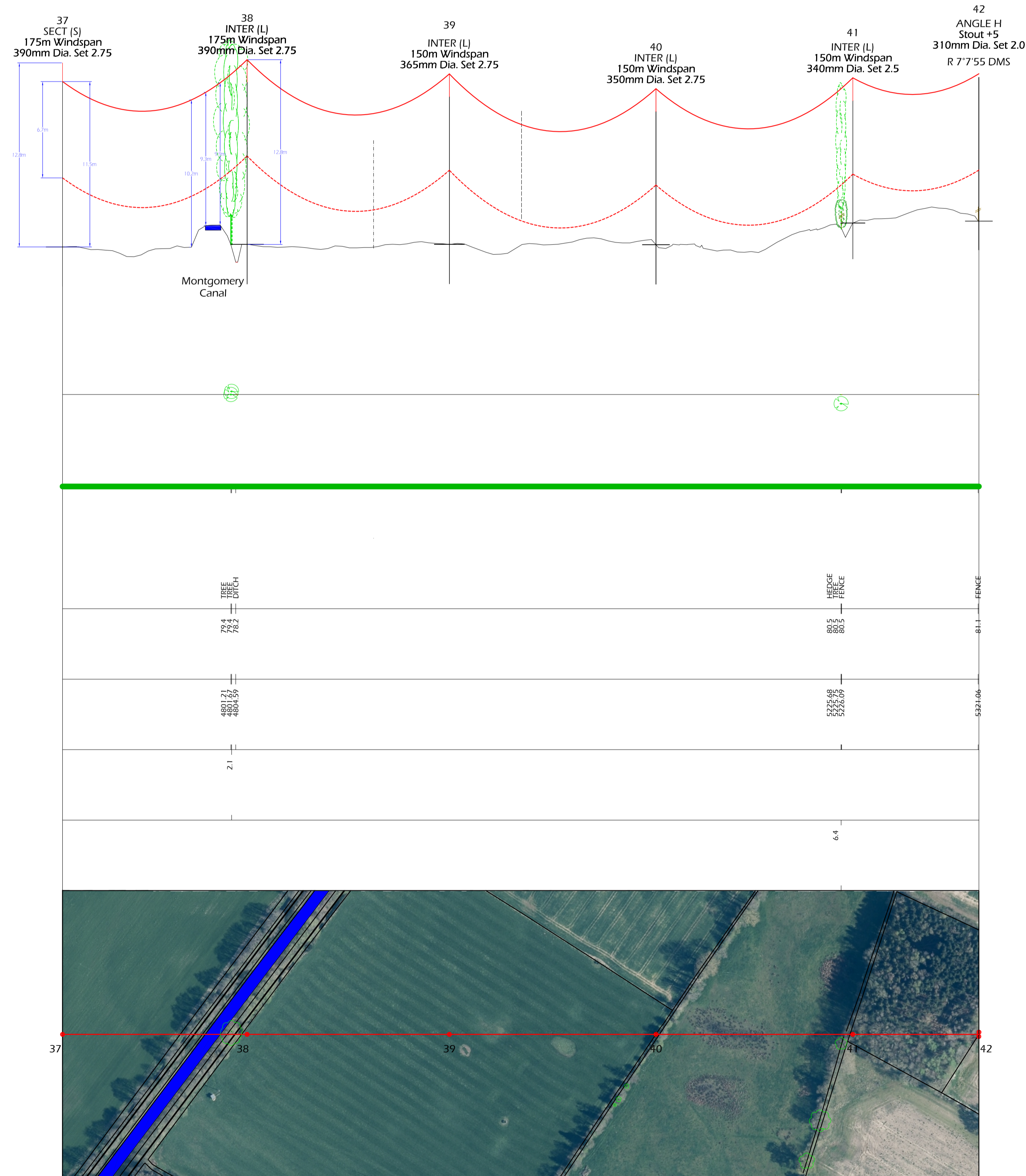
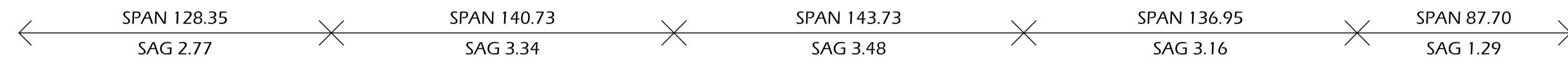
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Annex A

Overhead Line Profile for the Montgomery Canal Crossing

200mm OPPC POPLAR
 TEMP. 75.00 deg C ,WEIGHT bare
 SECTION 637.47 metres
 TENSION 503.54 kg
 EQUI. SPAN 130.00 metres



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- CDM ADVICE**
- ONLY COMPETENT CONTRACTORS SHALL BE APPOINTED TO UNDERTAKE THIS WORK.
 - THIS DRAWING IS TO READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROJECT SPECIFICATION AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE CLIENT.
 - CONTRACTORS SHALL CONSIDER ALL PHASES OF WORK AND ENSURE SAFETY RULES ARE ADHERED TO AND MEASURES TO MITIGATE RISK ARE TAKEN.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL ADHERED TO ALL MANUFACTURES GUIDELINES AND INSTALLATION PROCEDURES.
 - CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE ASSESSED RISKS AND USE SAFE WORKING METHODS TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT HEALTH AND SAFETY LEGISLATION AND CDM REGULATIONS.

CONDUCTOR DETAILS

Units:	Metric
Conductor:	200mm OPPC POPLAR
Mnemonic:	POPF
Type:	ACSR [2]
Basis tensions:	horizontal
Wt loaded:	2.12169 kg/m
Wt bare:	0.677999 kg/m
Wt ice:	1.4857 kg/m
Wt wind:	1.03224 kg/m
Wind pres:	380 N/m ²
Rad. ice:	9.5 mm
Area:	226.42 sq.mm
Diameter:	20.09 mm
Cold temp:	-5.6 deg C
LTS:	66.79 kN
Clearance: By temp and tension shift	
Tension:	10 %
Temp:	15 deg C
Erection: By temp and tension shift	
Tension:	10 %
Temp:	15 deg C
For spans <= 137.423 metres	
Tension:	13.36 kN
Temp:	5 deg C
Weight: Wt bare initial	
And for spans > 137.423 metres	
Tension:	22.6 kN
Temp:	-5.6 deg C
Weight: Wt loaded initial	
Young's modulus	57000 N/mm ²
Coeff. expansion	2.3e-005 /deg C
C1 [sqrt(YA/24)]	234.167 sqt.kg
C2 [YEA]	30.2685 kg/C
finial	
Young's modulus	57000 N/mm ²
Coeff. expansion	2.3e-005 /deg C
C1 [sqrt(YA/24)]	234.167 sqt.kg
C2 [YEA]	30.2685 kg/C
Erection temps	0.5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 deg C
Load case 1. MWT	
Tension:	22.6 kN
Temp:	-5.6 deg C
Wind pres:	0.38 kN/m ²
Rad. ice:	9.5 mm
Wt loaded:	0.020807 kN/m
Wt wind:	0.014854 kN/m
Load case 2. Vibration Limit	
Tension:	13.36 kN
Temp:	5 deg C

CLEARANCE CURVE & TEMPERATURE

6.7m @ 75°C
 MAXIMUM DESIGN TEMPERATURE

STATUS	REVISION	SCALE
ISSUED	C	V1:200 H1:2000 VP Locked - YES
DRAWN	CHECKED	APPROVED
PWJ	SMJ	PWJ
		DATE PLOTTED
		26.03.2019

LOCATION
OSWESRTY - WEM

TITLE
LINE PROFILES DF6
SECTION 7 POLES 37 - 42

Appendix D

Statement of Common Ground

**Between SP Manweb PLC and
Severn Trent Water**

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Reinforcement to the North Shropshire
Electricity Distribution Network

Statement of Common Ground
Between SP Manweb PLC and Severn Trent
Water

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<u>23/05/19</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>Document for discussion with Severn Trent Water</u>

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STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

1.1 PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

1.1.2 This document is submitted to the Secretary of State through the Planning Inspectorate (as responsible agency) in relation to the application by SPManweb Plc ("**SP Manweb**") for an Order granting Development Consent for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network (the 'DCO'). The DCO would grant powers to construct, operate and maintain a new 22.5 kilometre 132,000 volt (132kV) connection between the existing Oswestry Substation and Wem Substation within the administrative boundary of Shropshire County.

1.1.3 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development. Guidance about the purpose and possible content of SoCGs is given in paragraphs 58-65 of the Department for Communities and Local Government's "Planning Act 2008: Guidance for the examination of applications for development consent" (March 2015). Paragraph 58, confirms the basic function of SoCGs:

- *"A statement of common ground is a written statement prepared jointly by the applicant and another party or parties, setting out any matters on which they agree. As well as identifying matters which are not in real dispute, it is also useful if a statement identifies those areas where agreement has not been reached. The statement should include references to show where those matters are dealt with in the written representations or other documentary evidence."*

1.1.4 SoCGs are a useful and established means of ensuring that the evidence at the Examination focuses on the material differences between the main parties, and so aims to help facilitate a more efficient examination process.

1.2 PARTIES TO THE SOCG

1.2.1 This SOCG has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development, by SP Manweb, as the applicant and Severn Trent Water.

1.2.2 To supply and distribute electricity within an area an operator is required to hold an Electricity Distribution Licence. SP Manweb, as the holder of a Distribution Licence for the Cheshire, Merseyside, Shropshire, North and Mid Wales areas and, as the Distribution Network Operator (or DNO) for these areas, must comply with various statutory and licence duties and obligations.

1.2.3 Severn Trent plc is a water company based in the United Kingdom, employing more than 15,000 people across the United Kingdom, United States and mainland Europe, with some involvement in the Middle East. As with all water companies in the United Kingdom, Severn Trent is regulated under the Water Industry Act 1991.

1.2.4 This SoCG has been prepared in the context of Severn Trents' assets which are potentially affected by the Proposed Development.

1.2.5 Section 1.3 provides an overview of the Proposed Development.

1.2.6 Section 1.4 provides a summary of the relevant consultation between SP Manweb and Severn Trent Water.

1.2.7 Section 1.5 provides a summary of the relevant documents that relate to the information considered in this SoCG.

1.2.8 Section 1.6 provides a summary of areas that have been agreed, and areas that have not been agreed.

1.2.9 Section 1.7 provides a record of areas still under discussion.

1.3 THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

1.3.1 The Proposed Development comprises a new 22.5 km 132kV electrical circuit between the existing SP Manweb Substations at Oswestry and Wem in North Shropshire, together with associated temporary construction works. The circuit would be a combination of underground cables and overhead line. Works are also required at the existing Oswestry and Wem Substations to accommodate the new circuit.

1.3.2 The Proposed Development includes the following elements:

- Works within the boundary of the existing SP Manweb Substation at Oswestry including underground cable and the installation of electrical switchgear and associated equipment;
- Approx. 1.2km of 132kV underground cable between Oswestry Substation and a 132kV terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877);
- Approx. 21.3km of 132kV of overhead line supported by Trident wood poles from the terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877) to the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem; and
- Works within the existing SP Manweb Substation at Wem including the installation of a new 132kV to 33kV transformer.

1.3.3 The Proposed Development also includes work to facilitate the new electrical circuit including:

- Undergrounding six short sections of existing SP Manweb lower voltage overhead lines in order to ensure safe electrical clearance for the new overhead line; and
- Temporary works required for the construction of the new overhead line including seven temporary laydown areas, welfare unit, security

cabin, access tracks, vegetation clearance and reinstatement planting.

1.4 CONSULTATION

1.4.1 Severn Trent Water submitted comments in response to the statutory consultation. A summary of the correspondence that has taken place between SP Manweb and Severn Trent Water in relation to the Proposed Development since the close of statutory consultation is outlined in the table below:

Ref	Date	Form of contact or type of correspondence	Summary of that contact and key outcomes and points of discussion
	06/07/18	SPM Email	Providing link to project website and series of plans showing Severn Trent apparatus with draft DCO order limits marked and draft protective provisions.
	July-Aug 2018	SPM/STW Emails	Regarding cost undertaking.
	08/11/18	STW Email	STW response referring to matters of interest to STW.
	20/11/18	SPM Email	Providing response to matters in above email with plan showing STW assets marked.
	01/02/19	SPM /STW Emails	Noting SPMs action following SPM/STW meeting on 17 th Jan 2019 to review STW assets affected by the Order limits and STWs

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			progress on reviewing draft PPs and fees.
	04/03/19	SPM Email	Progress email following SPM/STW phone call on 01/03/19 referring to (i) revised plan showing STW assets affected by the SPM scheme in relation to plot nos. from the SPM Land Plans and (ii) references for proposed standards in the draft CEMP and draft DCO documents for working with STW assets, (iii) progressing legal and STW agents engagement including fee recovery and (iv) a draft of this SOCG.
	05/04/19	STW email	Enquiry regarding need for STW to comment on ES and other documents referred to in the SoCG
	15/04/19	SPM email	Updated draft SoCG following STW email above to delete reference to ES and other documents.
	03/05/19	SPM email	Further reminder of updated draft SOCG
	23/05/19	SPM email	Amended draft SOCG following STW comments of 21/05/19

1.4.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key correspondence between SP Manweb and Severn Trent Water in relation to the matters recorded in Section 4.

1.4.3 A copy of the plan showing the STW assets in relation to the draft Order limits is included in Appendix A to this SOCG.

1.4.4 There is ongoing discussion between the parties in relation to working standards where there are STW assets in the draft protective provisions included in the draft DCO document.

1.5 DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED WITHIN THIS SOCG

1.5.1 The following documents have been considered with this SoCG:

- ~~Construction Report (DCO Document 7.2¹);~~
- ~~Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (DCO Document 6.3.2²);~~
- Draft Development Consent Order (DCO Document 3.1³).
- Draft Construction Environmental management Plan (DCO Document 6.3.1)
- ~~Environmental Statement (DCO Document 6.1 to 6.28).~~

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1.6 MATTERS AGREED AND MATTERS NOT AGREED

There is ongoing discussion between the parties in relation to working standards

1.6.1 Matters agreed

¹<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020021/EN020021-000262-7.2%20Construction%20Report.pdf>

²<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020021/EN020021-000228-6.3.2%20ES%20Appendix%203.2%20-%20Draft%20Construction%20Environmental%20Management%20Plan.pdf>

³ <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020021/EN020021-000185-3.1%20Draft%20Development%20Consent%20Order.pdf>

1.6.2 As stated in para 1.6.36, contractors will be required to comply with the specifications in Appendix B which include STW’s Guidance for working near our assets’.

1.7 RECORD OF MATTERS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION

1.7.1 The following matters are still under discussion.

Ref	Issue	SPM response	STW response
Draft CEMP	Draft 1	Appendix B covers working standards in relation to STW assets	Currently under review and will advise
Draft DCO Schedule 6 Part 2	Draft 1	Protective provisions adequately deal with STW requirements	Currently under review and will advise

1.8 AGREEMENT ON THIS SOCG

This Statement of Common Ground has been jointly prepared and agreed by:

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Signature:

Position: Senior Environmental Planner

On behalf of: SP Manweb Plc

Date:

Name:

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