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Dear Mr Edwards

The Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – Rule 17

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

Request for Further Information

The Applicant is requested to provide the following information and documents by Deadline 5, 27 June 2019:

1. A revised draft Development Consent Order (DCO) incorporating those revisions referred to in the SoCG agreed with Highways England [REP3-010] and the representation from Highways England dated 4 June [REP4-006], and including an agreed version of protective provisions in Schedule 6 Part 6;
2. A revised version of the draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) reflecting amendments as appropriate put forward in the representations from Highways England [REP4-006] and Canal and River Trust [REP3-006 and REP4-005]; and
3. The cross section of the overhead line crossing of the Montgomery Canal referred to in the letter from Canal and River Trust dated 14 May 2019 [REP3-006].

The requested revised draft DCO will be the version to be considered at the Issue Specific Hearing arranged for 11 July 2019. An agenda for that meeting covering my detailed comments on the draft DCO will be provided a week or so in advance in the normal way.

But there is one matter which the Applicant is requested to consider in preparing the revised draft, and that concerns the reference to the CEMP in Requirement 9.

The current version of the CEMP (version 3) is referred to as a draft, and paragraph 1.1.4 states that the intention is that it will be reviewed and amended as necessary throughout construction. This does not sit very easily with the listing of this as a certified document, as a draft, in Schedule 9 of the DCO.

The draft CEMP also contains a number of subject specific management plans covering species and subjects such as hedgerows, pollution prevention, drainage management and traffic management.

Requirement 9 as drafted provides for a CEMP to be provided for each stage, to be approved by Shropshire Council, but each of these separate CEMPs is to include a number of plans including a hedgerow management plan, a construction traffic management plan and a canal crossing plan.

It is not clear to me having provided these subject specific management plans already in the draft CEMP why each of the subsequent stage CEMP documents would need to provide further subject specific plans.

My suggestion is that the CEMP should be produced as a final document containing all the subject specific management plans as currently drafted, and that this final version of the overarching CEMP should then be listed as such (i.e. not as a draft) in Schedule 9 of the DCO as a certified document. Requirement 9 would then provide for the production of a detailed CEMP for each stage as appropriate to conform with the overarching CEMP, and to contain any amplification required of the subject specific management plans which might be necessary for that stage.

Yours sincerely

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