

SECTION 91 & 92, PLANNING ACT 2008

RULE 13(6), INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010

NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED REINFORCEMENT TO THE NORTH SHROPSHIRE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN020021

Notice is hereby given that, at the dates, times and location set out below an issue-specific hearing and a compulsory acquisition hearing will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by SP Manweb Plc (Applicant) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network (Application).

The Application was made to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) for examination on 10 December 2018. The Application has been given the reference number EN020021.

Summary of the Proposed Development

SP Manweb is the licenced electricity Distribution Network Operator which owns and manages the electricity distribution network within Cheshire, Merseyside, North Shropshire and North Wales. SP Manweb is part of SP Energy Networks which also provides power to central and southern Scotland. SP Manweb is the applicant who submitted the Application seeking an order granting development consent for the Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network (Proposed Development).

The Proposed Development comprises a new 22.5km 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.

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;
- approximately 1.2km of 132kV underground cable between Oswestry Substation and a 132kV terminal structure at Long Wood (SJ 31132 29877);
- approximately 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.

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.

The Application also seeks authorisation for the compulsory creation and acquisition of interests in and rights over land and imposition of restrictions, overriding easements and other rights, the temporary use of land, and other ancillary powers.

Hearings

The Examining Authority's letter dated 12 June 2019 includes a procedural decision that the following Issue Specific Hearing and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be held on the following dates and times:

DATE	TOPIC	TIMING
11 July 2019	Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO	Doors open at 9.30am Hearing commences at 10.00am
11 July 2019	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing	Doors open at 1.30pm Hearing commences at 10.00am

These hearings will be held at **Hawkstone Park, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 5UY** (free parking is available at venue)

For more information on this hearing, including how and when to register to speak, and how and when to make written submissions, please contact the Planning Inspectorate (quoting reference number EN020021) using the following details:

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Copies of application documents

A copy of the Application and its accompanying documents, plans and maps (including the draft DCO and the Environmental Statement) can be viewed and downloaded on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/reinforcement-to-north-shropshire-electricity-distribution-network/>

Copies of the Application documents can be inspected at the following public locations:

LOCATION	COPY AVAILABLE	OPENING TIMES
Oswestry Library Arthur Street, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 1JN	One inspection hard copy	Mon: 9.30am-5pm, Tues: 9.30am-5pm, Weds: 9.30am-6pm, Thurs: 9.30am-5pm, Fri: 9.30am-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-4pm, Sun: Closed
Ellesmere Library Trimpley Street, Ellesmere SY12 0AE	Electronic copies available (Public computers and free Wi-fi available)	Mon: Closed, Tues: 10am-6pm, Weds: Closed, Thurs: Closed, Fri: 10am-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-1pm, 2pm-4pm, Sun: Closed
Whitchurch Library High Street, Whitchurch SY13 1AX	Electronic copies available (Public computers and free Wi-fi available)	Mon: 9.30am-5pm, Tues: 9.30am-6pm, Weds: Closed, Thurs: 9.30am-5pm, Fri: 9.30am-5pm, Sat: 9.30am-1pm, Sun: Closed