

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

REINFORCEMENT TO THE NORTH SHROPSHIRE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK ORDER

THE PLANNING ACT 2008 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2009

NOTICE OF A DECISION ON AN APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (“the Secretary of State”) gives notice under regulation 23 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 that a determination has been made on an application by SP Manweb plc (“the application”) for an Order granting development consent under the Planning Act 2008.

The application was for the construction and operation of a new 22.5km 132kV electrical circuit between existing SP Manweb substations at Oswestry and Wem in North Shropshire. The electrical circuit would comprise 21.3km of 132kV electric overhead line supported on Trident wood poles and approximately 1.2km of 132kV underground cable, together with works to the existing substations and associated temporary construction works. The development site is wholly within a rural part of Shropshire and lies to the immediate north of Shrewsbury. The development falls within the administrative boundary of Shropshire Council.

The Applicant is only seeking the rights that it requires in order to construct, operate and maintain the Development on each individual plot. No compulsory acquisition of the freehold of land is proposed in the Order. The land which is subject to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession relates to the creation of rights and the imposition of restrictions.

The Secretary of State has decided, following consideration of the report of the Examining Authority who conducted an examination into the application, that development consent should be granted for the project, and therefore has decided to make an Order under sections 114, 115, and 120 of the Planning Act 2008.

The statement of reasons for deciding to make an Order granting development consent prepared by the Secretary of State under section 116(1) of the Planning Act 2008 and regulation 23(2) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 containing the content of the decision, the requirements imposed in connection with the development, the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based including relevant information about the participation of the public, a description of the main measures to avoid, reduce and offset any major adverse effects of the development, and information regarding the right to challenge the decision and the procedures for doing so, is published on the Planning Inspectorate’s website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/west-midlands/reinforcement-to-north-shropshire-electricity-distribution-network/>

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