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To interested parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010072

Date: 18 April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and Rule 8(3)**

**Application by Snowdonia Pumped Hydro Limited for an Order Granting
Development Consent for the Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme.**

Notification of Hearings and a revision to the Examination timetable

I write to all interested parties to provide notice of the hearings, as set out in the examination timetable annexed to my letter of 16 March 2016. This timetable is being amended as a result of this procedural decision and therefore I request that all parties study this notice and the attached amended timetable carefully.

I now notify of the following hearings. I have set out below the topics upon which the issue specific hearings will be held and agendas for these will be published on our website 1 week prior to the hearings to clarify this. A revised examination timetable is provided in Annex A.

Issue Specific Hearing

Date of hearing: Tuesday 17 May 2016

Time of hearing: 9:30am, room open from 9:00am

Venue: Mynydd Gwefru Electric Mountain, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55
4UR

To include, but not limited to:

- No Significant Effects Report screening matrices
- Construction route from the A4085 to Q1
- Cumulative traffic impact with the grid connection
- Unexploded ordnance

- Water discharges and contamination
- Recreation at Llyn Padarn lagoons
- Noise and vibration limits
- Blasting
- Written Scheme of Investigation
- Conditions of the 2012 planning permission
- Code of Construction Practice
- Schedule of Other Required Plans and Strategies

Issue Specific Hearing on the draft Development Consent Order (DCO)

Date of hearing: Wednesday 18 May 2016

Time of hearing: 9:30am, room open from 9:00am

Venue: Mynydd Gwefru Electric Mountain, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 4UR

To include, but not limited to:

- Responses to the Examining Authority's drafting queries on the DCO and responses to the action points of the issue specific hearing held on 9 March 2016
- Matters raised in written representations from the Welsh Government, Gwynedd Council and Natural Resources Wales

Open Floor Hearing

Date of hearing: Tuesday 17 May 2016

Time of hearing: 5:30pm, room open from 5:00pm

Venue: Mynydd Gwefru Electric Mountain, Llanberis, Gwynedd, LL55 4UR

The purpose of an open floor hearing is to allow interested parties to address me on relevant matters of their choosing. Speaking time will be shared between interested parties who register in advance. Parties who do not register in advance will be heard at the end of the hearing, at my discretion.

Please note that due to venue availability, the open floor hearing noted in the examination timetable as taking place on the evening of Monday 16 May will now take place on the evening of **Tuesday 17 May 2016**, as notified above.

I have not received any requests for a Compulsory Acquisition hearing from an affected person; therefore the Compulsory Acquisition hearing in the afternoon of Wednesday 18 May 2016 **will not take place**.

The Accompanied Site Inspection scheduled for Thursday 19 May 2016 **will not take place**. I intend to view those sites which have been recommended by interested parties unaccompanied.

If an interested party wishes to make an oral representation at an open floor or issue specific hearing they should indicate which topics they wish to address at the hearing. Those interested parties who wish to speak at any hearing should notify Richard Price at the postal or email address above by **Deadline 3, Wednesday 27 April 2016**.

I would be grateful if you would inform us if you plan to attend a hearing even if you do not wish to speak. It would also assist us if you could notify us of any special requirements you may have (e.g. disabled access, hearing loop etc.). Please also inform us in advance if you wish to speak in Welsh or make use of translation services and ensure that you include your interested party reference number in your correspondence and make it clear which hearing you wish to participate in.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Stuart Cowperthwaite

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Examining Authority

ANNEX A: REVISED EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.

Revised Timetable for examination of the application

The Examining Authority's (ExA) examination of the application takes the form of consideration of written representations about the application. The ExA will also consider any oral representations made at the hearings. The ExA is under a duty to **complete** the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting.

Item	Matters	Due Dates
8.	<p>Deadline 3</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on WRs • Responses to comments on RRs • Comments on LIRs • Comments on responses to ExA's first written questions • Comments on the applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 2 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 27 April 2016</p>
9.	<p>Issue Specific hearing</p>	<p>Tuesday 17 May 2016</p>
10.	<p>Open Floor hearing</p>	<p>Tuesday 17 May (Evening)</p>
11.	<p>Issue Specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order</p>	<p>Wednesday 18 May 2016</p>
12.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA • The applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 3 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Thursday 26 May 2016</p>
13.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's second written questions (if required) • Notification of the date, time and place for an issue specific 	<p>Tuesday 7 June 2016</p>

	hearing (if required) and a compulsory acquisition hearing (if required)	
14.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to the ExA's second written questions • Comments on the applicant's revised draft DCO • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 4 • Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Friday 17 June 2016</p>
15.	<p>Deadline 6*</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant's final draft DCO <p>*Note: This deadline will not be required if the hearings at items 18 or 19 are held</p>	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Friday 24 June 2016</p>
16.	Time reserved for issue specific hearing (if required)	Wednesday 6 July 2016
17.	Time reserved for compulsory acquisition hearing (if required)	Thursday 7 July 2016
18.	<p>Deadline 7*</p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA • The applicant's final draft DCO <p>*Note: If hearings at items 18 and 19 are not held then this deadline will not be required</p>	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Thursday 14 July 2016</p>
19.	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ExA's draft DCO (if required to facilitate examination) • Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES) <p>*Note: If the hearings at items 18 and 19 are not held then the publication date will be</p> <p><i>A banner on the Glyn Rhonwy project pages of our website will be updated on this day to confirm the documents are published.</i></p>	<p>Friday 22 July 2016*</p> <p>Tuesday 5 July 2016</p>
20.	<p>Deadline 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the ExA's draft DCO • Comments on RIES for European Sites (RIES) 	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 3 August</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 7 • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules <p>* Note: if the hearings at items 18 and 19 are not held then the deadline date will be</p>	<p>2016*</p> <p>12 noon Tuesday 19 July 2016</p>
21.	<p>Deadline 9</p> <p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to comments on the ExA's draft DCO • Responses to comments on Implications for European Sites (RIES) • Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions • Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 8 • Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules <p>* Note: if the hearings at items 17 and 18 are not held the deadline date will be</p>	<p>12 noon Wednesday 10 August 2016*</p> <p>12 noon Tuesday 26 July 2016</p>
22.	<p>The ExA is under a duty to complete the examination of the application by the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day after the close of the Preliminary Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday 8 September 2016</p>