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To interested parties

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010072

Date: 10 May 2016

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Dear Sir/Madam

**S87 of the Planning Act 2008 and Rules 8 and 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

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

**Decision on the applicant's request to amend the Development Consent Order (DCO), a request for information and a revision to the examination timetable**

I write regarding the above application, to record a procedural decision that I have made under s87(1) of the Planning Act 2008. I have also decided to amend the examination timetable under Rule 8(3) as well as request further information under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

*The paragraph below explains that this letter is available in the Welsh Language:*

Mae'r llythyr hwn ar gael yn Gymraeg ar ein gwefan a gellir darparu copi ar gais:

<http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/3869868>

**Examination of Application**

The applicant on 12 April 2016 requested that the DCO be made in a form other than that applied for. The amendments proposed reduce the extent of compulsory acquisition powers sought following the applicant's conclusion of voluntary agreements for the acquisition of interests of three affected landowners in eight plots of land. The applicant proposes to remove these interests from the Book of Reference and to remove any specific references to these plots from the DCO.

The applicant submitted various documents for Deadlines 2 and 3 in support of their request of 12 April 2016, which are available on the National Infrastructure Planning website and listed in the Examination Library. I have made a decision under s87(1) to

accept all these documents into the examination.

These amendments do not, in my view, amount to material change to the scheme. However, to enable anyone who might potentially be affected by these amendments to have a fair opportunity to make their views known and properly taken into account, the examination timetable has been amended to include an opportunity for comments to be made by Deadline 4 on these matters. I shall examine the application and report to the Secretary of State on this basis. In due course the Secretary of State may accept, modify or reject this decision.

**Rule 17 request for further information and Rule 8(3) amendment to the examination timetable**

In light of the above information, I request that comments on the submissions received by the applicant for Deadline 2 and 3 be submitted by **Deadline 4; 12 noon on Thursday 26 May 2016.**

A further revision has been made to the timetable whereby information submitted for previous deadlines can be commented on by all interested parties at the next deadline and need not be constrained by whether the information was requested by the ExA.

A revised examination timetable is provided in Annex A.

Yours faithfully

*Stuart Cowperthwaite*

**Stuart Cowperthwaite**  
**Examining Inspector**

**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
9.	<b>Issue Specific hearing</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 May 2016</b>
10.	<b>Open Floor hearing</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 May (Evening)</b>
11.	<b>Issue Specific hearing on the draft Development Consent Order</b>	<b>Wednesday 18 May 2016</b>
12.	<p><b>Deadline 4</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</li> <li>• The applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 3</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>12 noon</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 26 May 2016</b></p>
13.	<p>Issue by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ExA's second written questions (if required)</li> <li>• Notification of the date, time and place for an issue specific hearing (if required) and a compulsory acquisition hearing (if required)</li> </ul>	<b>Tuesday 7 June 2016</b>
14.	<p><b>Deadline 5</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to the ExA's second written questions</li> <li>• Comments on the applicant's revised draft DCO</li> <li>• Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 4</li> <li>• Any further information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules</li> </ul>	<p><b>12 noon</b></p> <p><b>Friday 17 June 2016</b></p>

15.	<p><b>Deadline 6*</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant's final draft DCO</li> </ul> <p><b>*Note: This deadline will not be required if the hearings at items 16 or 17 are held</b></p>	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Friday 24 June 2016</p>
16.	Time reserved for <b>issue specific hearing</b> (if required)	Wednesday 6 July 2016
17.	Time reserved for <b>compulsory acquisition hearing</b> (if required)	Thursday 7 July 2016
18.	<p><b>Deadline 7*</b></p> <p>Deadline for receipt by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post-hearing documents including any written summary of an oral case put at any Hearing and any documents/amendments requested by the ExA</li> <li>The applicant's final draft DCO</li> </ul> <p><b>*Note: If hearings at items 16 and 17 are not held then this deadline will not be required</b></p>	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Thursday 14 July 2016</p>
19.	<p>Publication by ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ExA's draft DCO (if required to facilitate examination)</li> <li>Report on Implications for European Sites (RIES)</li> </ul> <p><b>*Note: If the hearings at items 18 and 19 are not held then the publication date will be</b></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><b>Deadline 8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments on the ExA's draft DCO</li> <li>Comments on RIES for European Sites (RIES)</li> <li>Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 7</li> <li>Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules</li> <li>Comments on any further information accepted into the examination by the ExA at Deadlines 5, 6 and 7</li> </ul> <p><b>*Note: if the hearings at items 16 and 17 are not held then the deadline date will be</b></p>	<p>12 noon</p> <p>Wednesday 3 August 2016*</p> <p>12 noon</p> <p>Tuesday 19 July 2016</p>
21.	<b>Deadline 9</b>	12 noon

	<p>Deadline for receipt of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responses to comments on the ExA's draft DCO</li> <li>• Responses to comments on Implications for European Sites (RIES)</li> <li>• Comments on responses to ExA's second written questions</li> <li>• Comments on any further information requested by the ExA and received to Deadline 8</li> <li>• Any other information requested by the ExA under Rule 17 of the Exam Rules</li> </ul> <p><b>* Note: if the hearings at items 16 and 17 are not held the deadline date will be</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 10 August 2016 *</b></p> <p><b>12 noon Tuesday 26 July 2016</b></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><b>Thursday 8 September 2016</b></p>