

Written representation linked to the questions raised by the Examining Authority following the open meeting in March 2016

Socio-economics, tourism and recreation – mitigation, residual impacts and significance

URN 10.14a – It is vital that SPH are absolutely transparent regarding the “*financial contributions for the benefit of local community*” as it is understood that they have been in conversation with various statutory community councils about “contributions” that they would make should the planning approval be given. SPH must make absolutely clear exactly:

- Exactly what the “contribution” is and if financial what it is for
- When the “contribution” is to be made eg start, during, after project
- Where funding for the “contribution” is to come from, is it protected should project costs overrun?
- Where funding will go and who is responsible for spending it
- What will be the status of the “contribution” when SPH sell the planning permission on (as they have stated they will certainly do)

Answers to all these questions are important as they will clearly influence any representations that community groups make to the planning process. It is also important that these groups are absolutely clear what will happen to the “contribution” in the event of sale/incompletion of project/non-start of project.

URN 10.16a –

“How would any potential adverse economic impacts on local residents, visitors, businesses and other organisations most directly affected by the project be mitigated?” If this mitigation is to be in financial terms then the questions raised in 10.14 above also apply. There needs to be transparency as to who such mitigation would apply, whether it would be initiated by SPH or would follow application to ensure some pre-determined criteria are met (cf the numbers receiving compensation follow BP oil spill in Gulf of Mexico). Any criteria for mitigation and appropriate timescales for making it must be clearly laid out. Again would these be passed on when planning permission, if given, is sold on.

URN 10.17a – none of the documents seen so far have taken account of the Pilgrims Way. The North Wales Pilgrim’s Way extends for 130 miles from Basingwerk to Bardsey Island with 4.5 miles of the route from Llanberis to Waunfawr directly across the proposed project site. As well as pilgrims travelling alone, there is an annual group pilgrimage starting on starting on May Bank Holiday Saturday every year. How is this route to be managed if/when work starts?

Funding

URN 11.23 and 11.24 – is there any requirement for Due Diligence to be carried out prior to permission being granted and who would carry this out?