

URN	Question to	Response
1. Development consent order (DCO), policy and other consents		
1.28	SNPA	<p>a) The Eryri Local Development Plan (ELDP) contains no policies relevant to the consideration of this application as the site lies outwith the boundaries of the SNPA's jurisdiction as local planning authority. Para. 3.18 of the ELDP does refer to the potential for very large wind turbine developments close to the Park boundary to have adverse visual and landscape effects, the Plan is however silent on other forms of development.</p> <p>b,c,d,e & f) Not applicable - see response to a) above.</p>
4. Landscape and visual impacts		
4.1	SNPA	<p>a, b & d) The SNPA was satisfied with the adequacy of the methodology employed and with the outcomes of the assessment in terms of the predicted effects on the National Park.</p> <p>c) The magnitude of impact of a development on only a part the National Park is a matter of extent and degree (severity) of the effects. In this instance it is considered that the final landforms proposed would not look out place in the locality, which forms part of the setting of the National Park, given the existing landscape context.</p>
4.2	Applicant	<p>The whole of the Snowdonia National Park has been awarded Dark Sky Reserve Status (Nov 2015) by the International Dark Skies Association. For further details on the implications of the designation see: http://darksky.org/idsp/reserves/ and http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/looking-after/dark-skies.</p>
4.6	SNPA	<p>a) Views towards the proposed development from the Viewpoints within Snowdonia are generally from relatively distant elevated positions where screening by hedgerows and trees are not a factor, therefore seasonal variations in foliage do not come into play.</p> <p>b) No comment this Viewpoint is outside the National Park.</p> <p>c) No comment, Viewpoints in the National Park would be some distance away and movement of conveyors would be difficult see.</p> <p>d) No comment. Assessments of potential impacts on the geological aspects of LANDMAP landscape lie within the purview of NRW and Gwynedd Council.</p>

		e) No specific comment. It is acknowledged that LVIA cannot be wholly objective and the application of professional judgement introduces an element of subjectivity. This is acceptable provided there is transparency, consistency in approach and application by landscape professionals.
4.7	SNPA	No specific concerns regarding the assessment of impacts on the setting of the National Park. Given the existing setting of this north-western part of Snowdonia, extending from Bethesda to Nantlle, is a historic quarrying landscape characterised by very large slate tips, quarry holes (some of which are flooded) and lakes, the new landforms created by this proposal would not look out of context and would not have a significant visual/landscape impact on the National Park.
4.9	SNPA	a & b) The SNPA considers that the grid connection would not have an adverse impact on the setting of the National Park, on its own or cumulatively, even if it was by an overhead route as it would be in the context of historic quarrying landscape.
5. Historic environment		
5.5	SNPA	a & b) No comment. These were not issues considered by the SNPA. Consideration of potential impacts on the LANDMAP Historic Landscape and the tentative WHS lies within the purview of NRW and Gwynedd Council.
7. Noise and vibration – impact assessment		
7.8	SNPA	a & b) These issues were not considered by SNPA. Gwynedd Council has responsibility for Public Protection and Environmental Health in those parts of Gwynedd which lie within the National Park.
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7.24	SNPA	a, b & c) These issues were not considered by SNPA. Gwynedd Council has responsibility for Public Protection and Environmental Health in those parts of Gwynedd which lie within the National Park.
9. Air quality and other health impacts		
9.1	SNPA	a & b) The application site lies outside SNPA's jurisdiction as Minerals Planning Authority (MPA) therefore these issues were not considered by SNPA. Gwynedd Council is the MPA and has responsibility for Public Protection and Environmental Health in those parts of Gwynedd which lie within the National Park.

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