

Summary of representation submitted 30/03/2016

On behalf of 40 residents along the proposed Q1 access route through Waunfawr, we strongly oppose the proposed Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage scheme on grounds of its large negative environmental footprint relative to its energy output. The development's footprint is on a par with Dinorwig but its output is only 6%. A more landscape-efficient solution is needed in order not to ruin Britain's' upland areas for generations to come. We strongly oppose the use of the unnamed road ('Green Lane') from Waunfawr to Cefn Du on the grounds that it is unfit for purpose and the traffic would cause years of excessive nuisance, blight and significant risk to life and property of residents and road users. We ask the developer and ExA to consider, in earnest, an alternative Q1 access route, notably a direct route between Q6 and Q1 which could be landscaped to provide a construction grade track during development and landscaped again to minimize lasting environmental footprints. The objection to the scheme and the use of the proposed access route from Waunfawr is shared by more than 85% of respondents to a village survey carried out in March 2016.

If Q1 access through Waunfawr is maintained and a DCO granted we ask that a strict traffic management plan is put in place, that working hours are limited to 8-18h Monday to Friday, that a liaison group is formed enabling residents to be consulted in all phases of the construction, that proper blight and structural surveys of affected properties is carried out prior to any construction traffic and adequate funds set aside and managed by an independent body to compensate those affected, that proper noise and vibration monitoring is carried out. We oppose the proposed common land swap along the proposed access route and request that any road widening is done using construction grade temporary surfacing that can be removed upon completion of construction traffic so that the green roadside can be restored. We finally ask that any DCO should stipulate that the site around Q1 be restored to its present peaceful state with a clause that organised leisure activities or slate mining will be prohibited for the duration of the scheme.

This document outlines our main lines of objection and proposes alternatives. We make reference to numbered illustrations provided in a separate file (GlynRhonwy_Objection_WaunfawrResidents.pdf)