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Date: 13th April 2016

Annwyl Syr/Fadam / Dear Sir/Madam,

GLYN RHONWY PUMPED STORAGE SCHEME

PROJECT REFERENCE: EN 010072

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES BODY FOR WALES

- 1.1 The purpose of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (NRW) is to ensure that the environment and natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, sustainably enhanced and sustainably used. In this context sustainably means with a view to benefitting and in a manner designed to benefit the people, environment and economy of Wales now and in the future. Our functions are set out in the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2012. Our advice and comments to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) are therefore provided in the context of this remit.
- 1.2 The advice and comments contained in this Written Representation are provided as a Statutory Party under the Planning Act 2008 and Infrastructure Planning (Interested Parties) Regulations 2010 (as amended) and 'interested party' under s102(1) of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended). Further, NRW is consulted:
 - In respect of plans or projects that are subject to the requirements of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulation 2010 (as amended) which are likely to have a significant effect on the European Protected Sites – that is, sites designated as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs) for the purposes of the EU Habitats and Birds Directive;
 - In relation to proposals in Wales that have the potential to impact on species protected by Schedules II and IV of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended);
 - In respect of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2009 (as amended);
 - In respect of proposals likely to damage any of the flora and fauna or geological or physiographical features for which a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) has been notified pursuant to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

1.3. NRW provided a summary of its principle concerns in its Relevant Representations, submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on the 15^h January 2016.

1.4 NRW's comments are made without prejudice to any additional comments we may wish to make when consulted on any other documents provided by the applicant, the ExA or any of the regulating bodies who are involved in authorising different aspects of the overall development proposals (including NRW).

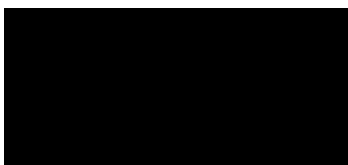
1.5 In Annex A below we provide NRW's Written Representations. Annex B contains our response to the first set of written questions from the Examining Authority.

1.6 We have been informed by the applicants that at this stage they proposed not to sign the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG), but if anything is highlighted from the Deadline 2 responses that needs including and/or slightly amending within the SoCG, then they would revise the SoCG, and submit an agreed and signed version of the SoCG for Deadline 3.

1.7 Our comments are also provided without prejudice to any decision NRW may make on any application made to it by the applicant for an Environmental Permit under the Environmental Permit Regulations 2010 (EPR), or Abstraction Licence under the Water Resources Act 1991.

Please contact Gareth Thomas, glyn.rhonwy@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk or telephone 03000 65 3786 for further advice about this representation.

Yn gywir / Yours' faithfully,



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