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Sent: 27 April 2016 11:59
To: Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme
Subject: FW: Glyn Rhonwy DCO

The following e-mail has been received in response to SPH's comments regarding the ExA's first written questions. This is in response to the requirements for deadline 3.

From: Ashley Batten [mailto:ashley.batten@heneb.co.uk]
Sent: 27 April 2016 11:51
To: Gruffudd Glyn Llewelyn (Rh-CTGC)
Subject: RE: Glyn Rhonwy DCO

Glyn,

Apologies for the eleventh hour response.

I've checked through the original ASIDOHL2 report I received and approved in 2013 in relation to the TCPA and compared this with the most recent submission which accompanies the DCO. It is clear that the impacts on the registered Historic Landscape are significantly greater than they were for the TCPA, however it would appear that this increase in impacts mainly affects HLCA 6 (Glynrhonwy Quarry) where significant numbers of archaeological monuments will be lost, many of which are of high value and where a large percentage of the character area (from 7.3% to 31.2%) will be affected by the proposed development.

HLCAs 07 and 45 were not directly affected by the TCPA whereas the DCO affects a small number of high value sites. This is a serious historic environment impact and robust mitigation and enhancement measures will need to be put in place to ensure these losses are adequately compensated. However, whilst the impact on significant elements of both HLCAs 07 and 45 would be considered 'considerable' the proportion of the HLCAs affected is very limited as stated by the applicants in stage 5 of the ASIDOHL. It does not therefore seem unreasonable to allow the author to reduce these effects in this context.

I would however stress that the impacts on the industrial archaeological remains in particular are high although they do not reach the threshold to tip the balance of the ASIDOHL2 process in this case.

Please get in touch if you have any queries.

All the best,

Ashley

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Ashley

The inspector appointed to the Glyn Rhonwy DCO application has asked a series of questions, some which have been referred specifically to Gwynedd Council for a response. I'd be grateful if you could have a quick look at the following question and provide a response, it doesn't have to be lengthy just a one liner would do if at all. Unfortunately the deadline for responses is this Wednesday at noon, i'm sorry to ask but could you provide something before then ? The link below the question is APP-078 which is referred to in the first sentence, this is where you will find paragraph 11.7.35.

Thank you so much

Regards

Glyn

5.11 a) Please could the applicant justify the statement in paragraph 11.7.35 [APP-078] that the considerable impact identified on Historic Landscape Character Areas 07 and 45 using the ASIDHOL methodology "*is argued to be an overstatement of the true level of effect*"?

b) Please could GC and NRW comment?

Snowdonia Pumped Hydro

The full reasoning is given within the ASIDOHL [Stage 5: Summary and Conclusions]. It needs to be noted, that at Stage 5, the author of an ASIDOHL is entitled to dispute, and depart from, the findings made by calculation in Stages 2-4. The text of the ASIDOHL reads as follows:

In relation to HLCAs 07 (Gallt Celyn) and 45 (Cefn Du/Garreg Lefain) it finds that there will be a moderate significance of impact. However, their Stage 2 scores of Considerable both seem overstated, given the very small percentage of land within each that falls inside the Order Limits (<2%), and the minimal number of elements actually affected by development. Their Stage 2 scores derive from the fact that a single high-value element within each is impacted; had numerous lesser-value sites also been damaged or destroyed, the Stage 2 score would actually have been lower. It should also be noted that Chwarel Cefn Dû, slate quarry II, which essentially underpins the Considerable Stage 2 score for HLCA 07, lies mainly within HLCA 06 and is also included in the assessment of the latter character area.

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