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Annwyl Syr/Fadam / Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Scheme application  
Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO 18 May 2016**

The following submissions are made by Natural Resources Wales in advance of the Issue Specific Hearing on the draft DCO on 18 May 2016 in response to the hearing agenda and the applicant's revision 4 amendments to the draft DCO.

5. Article 6 (power to deviate)

The Examining Authority's proposed wording is acceptable provided that the limits of deviation are clearly delineated on the relevant plans

29. Requirement 8 (Water Management Plan)

NRW is satisfied with the wording of this requirement, subject to the following:

Requirement 8 (4) – the list of sampling suite parameters should include 'turbidity (measured in Nephelometric Turbidity Units NTUs)'.  
Requirement 8 (5) (i) and (ii) – The stipulated timescales should be amended to '12 months'  
Requirement 8 (8) – Reference to 'subsection 6' is incorrect. This should read 'subsection 7'  
Requirement 8 (9) – Reference to 'subsection 7' is incorrect. This should read 'subsection 8'  
Requirement 8 (10) – NRW is satisfied with this proposed wording

30. Requirement 9 (Silt Management Plan)

Requirement 9(1) (i) and (ii) - this appears to be a duplication. The applicant should clarify how these provisions are different in respect of pollution control measures.

Requirement 9 (2) – Reference to the water management plan is unnecessary as the provisions are secured under Requirement 8

### 31. Requirement 10 (Drainage)

Requirement 10 (2) – the ‘*written details*’ referred to have not been provided.

Requirement 10 (3) –, the sewerage undertaker (Dwr Cymru) should also be consulted if the foul drainage is to be connected to the public sewer.

### Requirement 22 (Excess Water Management Strategy)

Requirement 22(1) –The Excess Water Management Strategy controls discharge from the development and is important in managing flood risk. This is a matter upon which NRW should be consulted. Therefore, this provision should include ‘*in consultation with NRW*’.

### Schedule 8 (Discharge of Requirements)

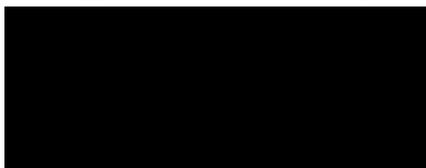
The Statement of Common Ground between the applicant and NRW details at 5.1.2 that the provisions of the draft DCO relating to the Discharge of Requirements are agreed between the applicant and NRW. This was based upon the applicant’s revision 3 to the draft DCO, with the provisions in question detailed under Schedule 9. However, the applicant has issued a further revision to the draft DCO (revision 4) incorporating substantive amendments to the Schedule (which has been re-numbered, now being Schedule 8).

The amendment to paragraph 2(3) relates to ‘reasonable further information’ required by the relevant planning authority and provides that NRW upon being consulted must notify the relevant planning authority in writing within 5 business days specifying the further information required. This amendment is not acceptable to NRW in the absence at this time of further details of the nature and complexity of the information in question. Accordingly, NRW may not be in a position to provide such response within the stipulated timeframe. It is suggested that the wording should be amended as follows ‘*Where the consultee requires further information it must notify the relevant planning authority in writing specifying the further information required within a reasonable timescale following receipt of consultation*’

The comments above are provided without prejudice and are independent to NRW’s remit under the Environmental Permit Regulations 2010 or the Water Resources Act 1991.

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Yn gywir / Yours’ faithfully,



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