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Bore da/Good morning

The appointed ExA at the above meeting, requested clarification regarding certain matters as detailed in the published agenda issued on May 12th 2016.

Several matters were raised which require a response from the LPA, if it is acceptable to you, i will submit these responses once they are received.

Firstly in response to item 9.2 as detailed on the agenda, the following has been received from the Council's Archaeological consultants:

“Although the impacts of the current DCO are greater than those in the 2012 permission I do not believe that these are impacts are of a level which would lead to an objection to this development in this case. The ASIDOHL still appears to be valid and the Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Chapter considers the impacts on a site by site basis and makes appropriate recommendations. However, the proposed development will lead to the loss of numerous structures, monuments and features of historical significance and will have a considerable impact on the Glynrhonwy Historic Landscape Character Area, part of the Dinorwig Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest. It should also be born in mind that the Historic Environment is a finite resource and that, whilst this area will not be included in the tentative World Heritage Site the impact of this bid recognises the status of the slate industry of North Wales more widely. These factors should have weight in the determination of this DCO.

The increased affects also highlight the need for robust mechanisms to be in place to ensure that both the mitigation (archaeological recording, reporting, publication, dissemination, archiving) and the enhancement measures (access, interpretation, conservation, management, public engagement, etc) are robust and enforceable. It also highlights the need to ensure that the local authority is able to monitor these measures and ensure compliance. The production of a detailed WSI to be approved by the local Planning Authority (with reference to their archaeological advisors) is a recognised method but recent approvals (see Hinkley C Connection) have raised concerns that DCOs should ensure that the costs of any such monitoring and approval is met by the developers through a Service Level Agreement or similar mechanism. I am not sure whether a Planning Performance Agreement has ever been developed between Snowdonia Pumped Hydro and Gwynedd Council to meet the costs of providing the planning service within a response time but given the potential for increased monitoring post-consent I would recommend such measures are considered by the Examining Authority in this case should they minded to grant consent”.

If you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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